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JUVENILE-COURT STATISTICS, 1928

THE COURTS COOPERATING

The second annual report of juvenile-court statistics is compiled from information supplied by 65 courts cooperating with the Children's Bureau in the plan for obtaining uniform statistics of delinquency, and dependency and neglect cases dealt with by juvenile courts.¹ The number of courts participating in the plan is steadily increasing. On July 1, 1929, 104 courts were known to be using the cards and 46 more had been supplied with cards and were therefore presumably cooperating.

Sixty-five courts sent in statistical data for the entire calendar year 1928, as compared with 43 for the year 1927.² The names of the 65 courts reporting for 1928, with the largest city or town in the area served by each court, are given in Appendix A, page 31. For convenience each court will be designated hereafter only by the territory over which it has jurisdiction. The number of cases dealt with by each court during the year is shown in Table 1—38,882 delinquency cases, 16,289 dependency and neglect cases, and 10,429 cases of children discharged from probation or supervision during the year. Although all the courts have jurisdiction over both delinquency cases and dependency or neglect cases, cards for delinquency cases only were obtained from three of these courts, and one court reported only dependency or neglect cases. No cases of delinquency, dependency, or neglect were reported for two localities from which records of children discharged from probation or supervision were received. Only 62 of the 65 courts, therefore, reported cases of delinquency, 53 courts reported cases of dependency and neglect, 45 courts reported cases of children discharged from probation or supervision. These figures, representing the number of courts reporting each type of case, will be used in the tables and discussion in this report.

As the cards were usually sent by the probation office associated with the court, the organization of this office and its relation to the court affect the completeness with which the work of the court, as to both type and number of cases, is reported.³ Most of the failures

¹ The basis of the plan is the filling out of statistical cards: A yellow card for each case of delinquency disposed of during a calendar year; a blue card for each case of dependency or neglect disposed of; and a white card for each case of a child discharged from probation (in delinquency cases) or from supervision (in dependency or neglect cases). The yellow and blue cards differ only in the lists of charges and dispositions. The cards have been so arranged that little clerical work is involved; most of the information is entered by checking. Cards and a bulletin of instructions are furnished by the Children's Bureau without charge to cooperating courts, as are franks or addressed envelopes requiring no postage for use in mailing cards back to the bureau. Cards are returned to the bureau for tabulation at least once a year, and preferably several times each year.

The Children's Bureau prepares from the cards a set of tables on printed forms for each court. These are sent to the courts for use in annual reports, if desired. The facts presented in these tables include charges, places of care pending hearing, manner of dealing with cases, and dispositions. The number of different children dealt with, the number of repeaters, and certain social facts are also shown. For cases discharged from probation or supervision the length of the probation or supervision period and the reason for discharge are given. If it so chooses a court may compile its own tables in accordance with the Children's Bureau plan, instead of sending in cards.

² Juvenile-Court Statistics, 1927. U. S. Children's Bureau Publication No. 195. Washington, 1929.

³ In some localities the probation office is a separate organization.

to report all types of cases were due to divided responsibility in checking cards and returning them to the Children's Bureau. Twenty of the courts did not send records of children discharged from probation or supervision. It is probable that in some of these courts the probation records were incomplete. In others, cases may have been allowed to become inactive without dismissal or removal from the list or index of active cases.

Another situation that affects the number of cases reported by a court is the extent to which records are kept of unofficial work. Unofficial cases may be defined as cases adjusted informally by the judge, referee, or probation officer without being placed on the court calendar by the filing of a petition or other legal paper for adjudication by the judge or referee. All the courts were asked to report such cases, but none was reported by 25⁴ of the courts reporting delinquency cases. (See Table I, p. 33.) It is probable that in many of these courts some complaints are adjusted unofficially without any records being made.

Table 1 shows wide variation in the relative number of delinquency and of dependency or neglect cases dealt with during the year. This variation is due in part to the extent to which local agencies other than the court are caring for dependent and neglected children.

TABLE 1.—*Number of cases of each type; cases of boys and girls dealt with by 65 specified courts during 1928*

Court	Cases dealt with								
	Delinquency cases			Dependency and neglect cases			Cases of children discharged from probation or supervision		
	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls
Total.....	38,882	32,822	6,060	16,289	8,376	7,913	10,429	8,048	2,381
Connecticut:									
Bridgeport.....	431	354	77	69	28	41	139	118	21
Hartford.....	552	491	61	144	71	73	244	217	27
District of Columbia.....	2,004	1,692	312	533	286	247	553	465	88
Indiana:									
Adams County.....	9	5	4				10	9	1
Clark County.....	26	18	8	16	11	5			
Clay County.....				5	4	1	5	5	
Jennings County.....									
Lake County.....	454	303	148	290	140	150	52	27	25
Marion County.....	822	534	288	322	157	165	283	154	129
Monroe County.....	41	22	19				9	4	5
Montgomery County.....	17	9	8	21	9	12	10	5	5
Steuben County.....	30	25	5				28	23	5
Vermillion County.....	89	53	36				55	41	14
Wayne County.....	30	20	10						
Iowa: Polk County.....	753	590	163	630	315	315			
Louisiana:									
Caddo Parish.....	232	194	38	85	28	57	12	12	
Ouachita Parish.....	257	221	36	115	54	61	40	23	17
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	1,149	896	253	336	170	166	500	374	126
Ramsey County.....	375	298	77	135	69	66	285	212	73
St. Louis County (southern part).....	291	242	49	47	28	19	10	9	1
Missouri: Jackson County.....							317	275	42

⁴ Indiana—Clark County, Jennings County; Minnesota—Hennepin County, Ramsey County; New Jersey—Hudson County, Mercer County; New York—Buffalo, Chemung County, Columbia County, Delaware County, Erie County, Franklin County, Monroe County, New York City, Ontario County, Orleans County; North Carolina—Winston-Salem; Ohio—Franklin County; Pennsylvania—Allegheny County, Lycoming County, Montgomery County; Virginia—Lynchburg, Roanoke County; Washington—Pierce County.

TABLE 1.—Number of cases of each type; cases of boys and girls dealt with by 65 specified courts during 1928—Continued

Court	Cases dealt with								
	Delinquency cases			Dependency and neglect cases			Cases of children discharged from probation or supervision		
	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls
New Jersey:									
Hudson County.....	1,850	1,588	262				234	193	41
Mercer County.....	294	272	22				94	85	9
New York:									
Buffalo.....	938	870	68	70	39	31	159	142	17
Chemung County.....	124	96	28	115	57	53			
Clinton County.....	25	14	11	37	19	18	11	10	1
Columbia County.....	65	50	15	116	68	48	41	24	17
Delaware County.....	10	8	2						
Erie County.....	197	181	16	83	39	44	81	79	2
Franklin County.....	44	38	6	49	22	27			
Monroe County.....	222	172	50	239	124	115	51	31	20
New York City.....	7,204	6,255	949	3,617	1,893	1,724	2,697	1,935	762
Ontario County.....	100	83	17	84	41	43			
Orange County.....	33	31	2	61	31	30			
Orleans County.....	13	12	1	37	28	9	4	4	
Westchester County.....	888	743	145	370	187	183	537	485	52
North Carolina:									
Buncombe County.....	106	92	14	84	43	41			
Winston-Salem.....	343	274	69	26	14	12			
Ohio:									
Auglaize County.....	28	23	5	46	26	20			
Clark County.....	395	294	101	98	52	46	21	20	1
Cuyahoga County.....	2,636	2,235	401	1,141	597	544	292	234	58
Franklin County.....	763	550	213	613	310	303	374	325	49
Hamilton County.....	1,097	1,007		361	161	200	257	257	
Lake County.....	67	58	9	40	22	18	11	7	4
Mahoning County.....	1,854	1,578	276	185	95	90	137	125	12
Montgomery County.....	534	345	189	496	265	231			
Sandusky County.....	49	29	20	60	35	25	14	9	5
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County.....	1,243	1,023	210	1,018	508	510			
Berks County.....	103	77	26	31	11	20	14	11	3
Lycoming County.....	13	6	7	25	9	16			
Montgomery County.....	65	54	11	34	20	14			
Philadelphia.....	6,200	5,411	789	3,744	1,979	1,765	2,333	1,675	658
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	105	86	19	125	64	62	55	33	22
Texas: Orange County.....	9	9		3	1	2	1	1	
Utah:									
First district.....	347	295	51	1	1				
Second district.....	318	289	29				47	42	5
Third district.....	825	709	116	145	73	72	1	1	
Fourth district.....	308	260	48	27	7	20			
Fifth district.....	453	425	28	14	5	9	26	26	
Carbon County.....	97	97					69	69	
Other counties.....	241	212	29	5		5	8	6	2
Virginia:									
Lynchburg.....	279	245	34	30	16	14	69	60	9
Norfolk.....	669	523	146	232	114	118	239	186	53
Roanoke County.....	12	10	2	8	1	7			
Washington: Pierce County.....	154	122	32	70	29	41			

Most of the courts reporting have county-wide jurisdiction, but a few are serving a city only.⁵ In most of the State of Utah the juvenile courts are organized on a district basis, each district including several counties.⁶ Although cards were received from a number of courts in several States, Utah is the only State from which records from all the juvenile courts in the State were received.

About half the reporting courts (31) shown in Table 1 were serving areas having 100,000 or more population. The court serving the

⁵ New York City includes 5 boroughs or counties, each of which has a subdivision of the court.

⁶ The courts for each of the remaining counties, although not organized on a district plan, have been dealt with in two groups for statistical purposes: "Carbon County" and "Other counties."

area having the smallest population was in a county having about 13,000 population.

The maximum age of original jurisdiction of these courts varied from 16 to 18 years. Of the 65 courts 25 had jurisdiction over children under 16 years of age;⁷ 4 had jurisdiction under 17 years;⁸ and 24 had jurisdiction under 18 years.⁹ Of the remaining 12 courts, 11 had jurisdiction over delinquent and dependent and neglected boys under 16, delinquent girls under 18, and dependent and neglected girls under 17;¹⁰ and 1 (Orange County, Tex.) had jurisdiction over delinquent boys under 17, delinquent girls up to 18, and dependent and neglected children up to 16 years of age.

⁷ Bridgeport and Hartford, Conn.; Hudson County and Mercer County, N. J. (girls under 17 may be committed by the juvenile court to the State home for girls); Buffalo, Chemung County, Clinton County, Columbia County, Delaware County, Erie County, Franklin County, Monroe County, New York City, Ontario County, Orange County, Orleans County, and Westchester County, N. Y.; Buncombe County and Winston-Salem, N. C.; Allegheny County, Berks County, Lycoming County, Montgomery County, and Philadelphia, Pa.; and Greenville County, S. C.

⁸ District of Columbia; Caddo Parish and Ouachita Parish, La.; and Jackson County, Mo.

⁹ Polk County, Iowa (this court has concurrent original jurisdiction up to 21 years but seldom exercised this privilege); Hennepin County, Ramsey County, and St. Louis County, Minn.; Auglaize County, Clark County, Cuyahoga County, Franklin County, Hamilton County, Lake County, Mahoning County, Montgomery County, and Sandusky County, Ohio; first district, second district, third district, fourth district, fifth district, Carbon County, and other counties, Utah; Lynchburg, Norfolk, and Roanoke County, Va.; and Pierce County, Wash.

¹⁰ Adams County, Clarke County, Clay County, Jennings County, Lake County, Marion County, Monroe County, Montgomery County, Steuben County, Vermillion County, and Wayne County, Ind.

DELINQUENCY CASES

The tables which summarize the information in regard to the 38,882 delinquency cases reported by 62 juvenile courts, show a very close agreement with the tables prepared on the basis of 28,387 cases reported by 42 courts for the calendar year 1927. Although some differences were found in the cases reported by individual courts which sent cards for both years, the combined figures seem little affected by these variations or by the addition of data from more courts. Because of the similarity of the findings in the two years only the significant points of difference will be noted.

Since approximately a third of the cases were reported by courts in New York City and Philadelphia, an analysis was made of the extent to which the policies and procedures in these courts may have affected the combined figures for all courts. On the whole, the figures obtained from these two courts correspond fairly closely with the average of the figures from all other courts except in a few instances which will be discussed in connection with the tables in which they occur.

DELINQUENCY RATIOS

The ratios of delinquent children to 1,000 children of juvenile-court age in the estimated population have been calculated for courts serving areas having 100,000 or more estimated population which reported their cases to the Children's Bureau during either 1927 or 1928. These ratios are shown in Table 2.

Several factors other than variation in the amount of delinquency affect the ratios in a given locality. In this connection the age jurisdiction of the court is of special importance. Although in a number of courts having jurisdiction over children under 18 years of age the delinquency ratios were low, they would have been materially lower if children 16 and 17 years of age had been excluded; these children constituted about a third of the children reported by such courts (Table 3), whereas children of 16 and 17 years constituted a much smaller proportion of all the children of juvenile-court age in the localities.

Although all the courts for which ratios were calculated were serving populations of 100,000 or more, 5 of these ¹¹ were situated in cities of less than 50,000 population. The proportion of nonurban residents in the population of the area over which the court has jurisdiction materially affects the number of cases brought before the court unless the organization of the court provides for definite services throughout the area of its jurisdiction; even then it is probable that fewer cases in proportion to the population will be found in nonurban areas, though little statistical evidence on this subject is available. In the 9 localities ¹² in which one-fourth or more of the population served by the courts were living in rural areas, the delinquency ratios for boys were below 10 except in Kent County, Mich., Montgomery County, Ohio, and the State of Utah.

¹¹ Lake County, Ind.; Orange County, N. Y.; Montgomery County, Pa.; Greenville County, S. C.; Dane County, Wis.

¹² Kent County, Mich.; Orange County, N. Y.; Montgomery County, Ohio; Berks County and Montgomery County, Pa.; Greenville County, S. C.; Pierce County, Wash.; Dane County, Wis.; and the State of Utah.

TABLE 2.—*Ratio of delinquent boys and girls to 1,000 estimated population of juvenile-court age of the same sex and color dealt with by certain specified courts reporting for 1927 and 1928*¹

Court	Estimated population of juvenile court jurisdiction age, July 1, 1928	Age of original juvenile-court jurisdiction	Ratio of delinquent children to 1,000 estimated population of juvenile-court age of the same sex			
			Boys		Girls	
			1927	1928	1927	1928
California: San Francisco (city).....	109,091	Under 21.....	14.5	(²)	1.3	(²)
Connecticut:						
Bridgeport (city).....	27,471	Under 16.....	27.6	24.2	4.6	5.5
Hartford (city).....	24,857	do.....	41.5	38.1	6.5	4.9
District of Columbia:						
White.....	71,961	Under 17.....	40.2	41.7	6.6	7.1
Colored.....			20.8	24.2	2.5	2.8
			100.7	96.6	20.5	21.7
Indiana:						
Lake County.....	40,778	Under 16(B), 18(G).....	16.3	15.6	7.9	6.2
Marion County.....	64,895	do.....	18.3	15.2	8.1	7.5
White.....			15.7	12.2	5.6	6.3
Colored.....			38.8	38.7	28.6	17.3
Iowa: Polk County.....	35,106	Under 18.....	(²)	30.1	(²)	7.8
Louisiana: Caddo Parish ³	21,106	Under 17.....	(²)	24.5	(²)	³ 5.3
Michigan: Kent County.....	36,023	do.....	19.2	(²)	(²)	(²)
Minnesota:						
Hennepin County.....	80,324	Under 18.....	18.7	20.5	4.5	5.3
Ramsey County.....	46,007	do.....	11.0	12.7	2.9	3.2
New Jersey:						
Hudson County.....	121,198	Under 16.....	20.3	21.5	2.8	3.7
Mercer County.....	31,149	do.....	10.9	14.7	1.1	1.2
New York:						
Buffalo (city).....	88,852	do.....	15.9	17.0	1.1	1.4
Erie County (excluding Buffalo).....	26,157	do.....	11.8	13.3	1.4	1.2
Monroe County.....	60,678	do.....	(²)	5.6	(²)	1.7
New York City.....	1,016,961	do.....	48.3	11.6	4 1.4	1.8
White.....			8.0	10.9	1.3	1.7
Colored.....			14.8	31.0	5.0	6.1
Orange County.....	18,082	Under 16.....	(²)	2.5	(²)	(²)
Westchester County.....	70,162	do.....	22.8	18.7	3.8	3.2
White.....			22.0	17.5	3.2	2.7
Colored.....			48.2	57.8	19.7	16.9
Ohio:						
Franklin County.....	57,777	Under 18.....	20.4	16.8	6.8	6.7
White.....			16.3	14.1	5.7	6.2
Colored.....			53.5	40.1	18.1	12.2
Hamilton County.....	88,702	Under 18.....	24.9	22.1	(²)	(²)
White.....			19.4	18.8	(²)	(²)
Colored.....			84.8	56.8	(²)	(²)
Mahoning County.....	46,788	Under 18.....	48.6	53.5	11.6	10.5
Montgomery County.....	42,572	do.....	(²)	14.2	(²)	8.4
White.....			(²)	11.7	(²)	6.5
Colored.....			(²)	50.8	(²)	40.9
Pennsylvania:						
Allegheny County.....	231,187	Under 16.....	(²)	7.6	(²)	1.4
White.....			(²)	7.0	(²)	1.1
Colored.....			(²)	17.5	(²)	7.0
Berks County.....	36,536	Under 16.....	2.0	4.2	0.5	1.0
Montgomery County.....	36,819	do.....	2.1	2.7	0.7	0.6
Philadelphia (city) ⁴	315,169	do.....	27.5	26.6	4.0	4.2
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	23,197	do.....	(²)	6.3	(²)	1.6
White.....			(²)	5.3	(²)	2.1
Colored.....			(²)	9.4	(²)	0.3
Tennessee: Memphis (city).....	29,553	Under 17.....	39.9	(²)	8.4	(²)
White.....			27.7	(²)	8.7	(²)
Colored.....			56.3	(²)	8.0	(²)
Utah: (entire State).....	131,514	Under 18.....	(²)	29.6	(²)	4.1
Third District ⁵	44,036	do.....	(²)	27.9	(²)	4.2
Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	26,915	do.....	41.2	34.6	8.3	10.2
White.....			31.9	26.0	5.9	7.3
Colored.....			57.1	49.5	12.0	14.6
Washington: Pierce County.....	29,623	Under 18.....	6.4	8.1	1.6	2.0
Wisconsin: Dane County.....	18,674	Under 17(B), 18(G).....	4.5	(²)	2.8	(²)

¹ Includes courts serving cities or counties having 100,000 or more estimated population except St. Louis County, Minn., which reported for only the southern half of the county and Cuyahoga County, Ohio, which reported unofficial cases for only 9 months of 1928. Color is shown for those courts serving cities or counties of this size having at least 10,000 or 10 per cent colored population in 1920.

² Not reported.

³ Number of colored delinquent children not reported; ratios based on estimates for white children only.

⁴ Figures incomplete, children whose cases were pending on Jan. 1, 1927, not included.

⁵ Figures for white and colored children not reported separately.

⁶ Includes Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele Counties.

The extent to which the court is relied upon to deal with children exhibiting conduct problems is possibly the most significant factor to be considered in analyzing delinquency ratios of juvenile courts. The relation between the juvenile court and the police department varies greatly in different localities. In some places all children arrested by the police are referred to the juvenile court, whereas in others the police themselves deal with many children, especially those committing minor offenses and violating traffic rules. The school department may deal with nearly all truancy problems through its own agencies, or it may refer large numbers of attendance cases to the court. If the school system includes such facilities for constructive work with problem children as a child-study department, visiting teachers, and well-trained attendance officers, it is probable that many cases, including other behavior problems as well as truancy, which would otherwise be dealt with by the courts will be cared for by the schools.¹³ The extent to which agencies doing case work with problem children or their families are available in the community and the place which the court holds in the estimation of social agencies and the public also influence the number of children referred. Another closely related factor is the amount of unofficial work done by the court and the completeness with which this work is reported. The amount of unofficial work done is partly dependent on court policy and procedure and partly on the number of minor cases accepted by the court.

Some indications of the situations in the communities for which delinquency ratios have been calculated are shown in several of the tables of this report. The table showing source of complaint in delinquency cases (Table IV, p. 46) gives some evidence of the relation of the court to other agencies. One indication of the extent to which the court is regarded as a general agency for dealing with conduct problems of children is the proportion of cases involving very young children. (See Table IIa, p. 36.) The extent to which minor cases are referred to the court is another indication. Although it is difficult to determine the seriousness of an offense committed by a child from the charge preferred or from the manner of dealing with it, some indication of the extent to which minor cases are referred may be obtained from the tables showing charges (Tables VIa and VIb, pp. 50 and 52) and the table showing the percentage of cases handled unofficially (Table I, p. 33).

Ratios have been calculated separately for white and colored children for all courts serving areas in which 10 per cent or more than 10,000 of the population were colored. As is shown in Table 2, the ratios for colored children are consistently higher than for white children, with the exception of those for girls in two southern courts (Memphis, Tenn., and Greenville County, S. C.). The highest ratio for colored boys was in the District of Columbia, and the highest ratio for colored girls was in Montgomery County, Ohio. The lowest ratios for both colored boys and colored girls were in Greenville County, S. C.

The extent to which a high delinquency ratio for colored children affects the general delinquency ratio of the court will depend upon

¹³ The practice in some jurisdictions of proceeding against the parents in cases of truancy reduces the number of children brought to court on that charge.

the relative number of white and colored children in the community. The greatest variations in 1928 between the ratios for all boys' cases and all girls' cases and those for white boys and girls are found in the District of Columbia and in Norfolk, Va. In both these cities the colored group comprises more than 25 per cent of the total population.

No conclusions as to the community conditions that lie back of the delinquency ratios in different localities can be formulated from this statistical material, but it furnishes the basis on which studies of the actual conditions existing in these communities can be planned more intelligently.

Slight variations in ratios during the two years are shown for most of the courts. In some instances the small increase or decrease may be the normal variation from year to year in the number of cases coming before the court; in others the difference may be due to more complete reporting or to changes in court policy or personnel which affected the number of cases reported. Delinquency ratios for several successive years will give much valuable information as to trends in juvenile delinquency.

CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THE CASES ¹⁴

Age and sex.

As a number of the children came before the courts more than once, the 38,882 delinquency cases reported for 1928 by the 62 courts represented 34,764 children—29,151 boys and 5,613 girls. The extent to which the age period of original jurisdiction of the court affected the number of children coming before the court is shown in Table 3. The children of 16 and 17 years constituted nearly a third of the total number of children before the courts having jurisdiction over children under 18 years of age, and nearly equaled the number of 14 and 15 year old children who constituted the largest group in courts having a lower age jurisdiction.

A few children beyond the age of original jurisdiction were reported by the courts. This may be explained by the fact that some courts have jurisdiction beyond the age of original jurisdiction in certain situations; for example, a case in which the offense was committed before the age limit was reached, even though the case did not come to the attention of the court until afterward, and a case in which a child made a ward of the court before reaching the age limit was before the court on a new charge. All but five of the courts reported some cases of children under 10 years of age, most of them boys. In 32 courts reporting 50 or more children these children under 10 constituted more than 5 per cent of all the children appearing before the court for delinquency. (See Table IIa, p. 35.)

¹⁴ In this section information about the child contained in the record of the first case disposed of during the year was used.

TABLE 3.—*Ages of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases by 62 courts during 1928, and age limitation of original court jurisdiction*¹

Age and sex of child	Children dealt with in delinquency cases						
	Total	Age limitation of original court jurisdiction					
		Under 16 years ²		Under 17 years		Under 18 years	
		Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	34,764	19,743		2,192		12,829	
Boys.....	29,151	17,096		1,851		10,204	
Age reported.....	28,799	16,953	100	1,837	100	10,009	100
Under 10 years.....	2,108	1,308	8	162	9	638	6
10 years, under 12.....	4,042	2,706	16	239	13	1,097	11
12 years, under 14.....	7,407	5,062	30	432	24	1,913	19
14 years, under 16.....	11,506	7,699	45	622	34	3,185	32
16 years, under 18.....	3,673	173	1	379	21	3,121	31
18 years and over.....	63	5	(³)	3	(³)	55	1
Age not reported.....	352	143		14		195	
Girls.....	5,613	2,647		341		2,625	
Age reported.....	5,560	2,631	100	338	100	2,591	100
Under 10 years.....	222	117	4	25	7	80	3
10 years, under 12.....	382	212	8	43	13	127	5
12 years, under 14.....	1,152	645	25	86	25	421	16
14 years, under 16.....	2,711	1,578	60	117	35	1,016	39
16 years, under 18.....	1,079	73	3	66	20	940	36
18 years and over.....	14	6	(³)	1	(³)	7	(³)
Age not reported.....	53	16		3		34	

¹ Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.² Includes truancy cases in Westchester County, N. Y. (where jurisdiction to 17 years authorized by the state-wide education law is exercised); also certain cases of girls to 17 years in Hudson and Mercer Counties, N. J. (where the juvenile court may commit girls of this age to the State school for girls).³ Less than 1 per cent.**Color and nativity.**

Absence of information for the communities included as to age distribution according to color, nativity, and nativity of parents makes impossible a comparison of the percentages of white and colored children, native and foreign-born children, and children of foreign or mixed parentage coming before the courts, with the percentages of children of the same ages, and race, nativity, and parentage in the population of the area served by the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases. Although this exact comparison with children of juvenile-court age can not be made, comparisons with the total population in the reporting area are of interest.

In the total population¹⁵ in the jurisdiction area 95 per cent were white and 5 per cent were colored, including both negro and other colored races. Table 4a shows, however, that the proportion of colored children appearing before the courts was 16 per cent, more than three times as large as in the total population. The percentage of colored girls was slightly higher than the percentage of colored boys.

Foreign-born white children constituted a very small proportion of the children before the courts in 1928.¹⁶ (Table 4a.) Comparison

¹⁵ Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920, vol. 3, Population. Washington, 1922.¹⁶ A larger percentage of the children reported in 1927 were classified as foreign born.

can not be made with the 24 per cent foreign-born white population in the jurisdiction area of the reporting courts since adults constitute a much larger percentage of the foreign-born than of the native-born population in the United States.

TABLE 4A.—*Color and nativity of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases by 62 courts during 1928*¹

Color and nativity	Children dealt with in delinquency cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	34,764		29,151		5,613	
Color reported.....	34,721	100	29,111	100	5,610	100
White.....	29,070	84	24,620	85	4,450	79
Native.....	25,350	73	21,272	73	4,078	73
Foreign born.....	651	2	534	2	117	2
Nativity not reported.....	3,069	9	2,814	10	255	5
Colored ²	5,651	16	4,491	15	1,160	21
Color not reported.....	43		40		3	

¹ Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.

² Includes 16 boys and 2 girls colored other than negro.

The largest proportion of the delinquent children dealt with by the courts were native-born white boys and girls. Information as to the nativity of their parents was obtained for most of these children. Table 4b shows the nativity of parents reported for the native-born white boys and girls. An interesting difference is shown between the boys and the girls. Less than half of the girls (45 per cent) had parents one or both of whom were foreign born, and the percentage is slightly lower than that of the native-born females of foreign or mixed parentage in the white population of the reporting area (48 per cent). More of the boys (56 per cent) had parents at least one of whom was foreign born, and the percentage was much higher than that of the native-born males of foreign or mixed parentage in the white population of the reporting area (47 per cent). Accordingly, it may be said that the delinquency rate among native-born boys of foreign or mixed parentage was high.

TABLE 4B.—*Nativity of parents of native white boys and girls*¹ *dealt with in delinquency cases by 62 courts during 1928*²

Nativity of parents	Children dealt with in delinquency cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	24,135	100	20,160	100	3,975	100
Native parentage.....	11,118	46	8,934	44	2,184	55
Foreign or mixed parentage.....	13,017	54	11,226	56	1,791	45

¹ Excludes those for whom nativity of parents was not reported.

² Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.

Where living when referred to court.

A rather striking difference is shown in Table 5 between the proportions of boys (71 per cent) and of girls (52 per cent) who were living with both their own parents at the time they committed the offenses for which they were brought to court in the first delinquency case disposed of during the year. This would seem to indicate that the lack of normal family life is a more significant factor in the delinquency of girls than of boys. The difficulties which bring girls into court are usually more serious in character and more closely related to home conditions than the difficulties of boys.

TABLE 5.—*Whereabouts when referred to court in first case disposed of during the year for boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases by 62 courts during 1928*¹

Whereabouts of child	Children dealt with in delinquency cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	34,764		29,151		5,613	
Whereabouts reported.....	31,264	100	26,206	100	5,058	100
With both own parents.....	21,233	68	18,653	71	2,610	52
With mother and stepfather.....	1,565	5	1,201	5	364	7
With father and stepmother.....	780	2	607	2	173	3
With mother only.....	3,890	12	3,039	12	851	17
With father only.....	1,598	5	1,246	5	352	7
Adoptive home.....	134	(2)	96	(2)	48	1
Other family home.....	1,624	5	1,110	4	514	10
Institution.....	227	1	165	1	62	1
Other.....	173	1	89	(2)	84	2
Whereabouts not reported.....	3,500		2,945		555	

¹ Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.

² Less than 1 per cent.

Previous court experience.

Only information regarding the number of times children were dealt with as delinquents in previous years, that is, prior to the first case disposed of during 1928, has been tabulated. Table 6 shows that 78 per cent of the boys and 87 per cent of the girls were before the court for the first time in 1928. Apparently the greater part of the work of the courts is with children dealt with for the first or the second time rather than with repeated offenders. The extent to which these children were before the courts more than once during 1928 is indicated by a comparison of the total number of delinquency cases disposed of in 1928 (38,882) with the number of children involved (34,764).

The courts were asked to report as a separate case each time a child was dealt with on a new offense. It is impossible to formulate a definition which does not permit some difference in the interpretation of "new offense." Some probation offices in dealing with a child who is under the care of the court and commits a new offense do not consider it a new case unless the new offense is so serious that the probation officer can not deal with it and refers the child to the judge.

Others consider as a new case the reference of a child to the judge for general lack of progress or adjustment of conditions that may have arisen, when no new offense may have been committed.

TABLE 6.—*Number of times boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases by 62 courts during 1928 had been dealt with in delinquency cases prior to 1928*¹

Number of times dealt with in delinquency cases prior to 1928	Children dealt with in delinquency cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	34,764	-----	29,151	-----	5,613	-----
Reported whether dealt with.....	34,609	100	29,029	100	5,580	100
Number of times:						
None.....	27,524	80	22,694	78	4,830	87
One.....	3,871	11	3,388	12	483	9
Two.....	1,468	4	1,339	5	129	2
Three.....	655	2	610	2	45	1
Four.....	320	1	306	1	14	(2)
Five or more.....	357	1	354	1	3	(2)
Not reported.....	414	1	338	1	76	1
Not reported whether dealt with.....	155	-----	122	-----	33	-----

¹ Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.

² Less than 1 per cent.

SOURCES OF COMPLAINT

The sources of complaint and especially the extent to which such sources as parents and relatives, other individuals, and social agencies refer cases to the courts are some indication of whether the court is regarded as the agency to deal with all conduct problems or only those more serious ones where authority which only the court has is needed. The percentage of cases referred from specified sources as shown in Table 7 is definitely affected by the inclusion of New York and Philadelphia. (See Table IV, p. 46.) The percentage of cases in which the source of complaint was the police was much higher in these two cities than the average for all other courts, and the percentage of complaints made by the school department was much lower.

Although some cases of delinquency come directly to the attention of probation officers, the number reported in 1928 is larger than would be expected. It is possible also that courts may have reported in some cases the person signing the petition rather than the person making the original complaint, thus reporting "probation officer" as the source in cases actually referred by others. The fact that in some courts serving rural districts probation officers are sometimes also law-enforcing officers in their communities may account for this in part.

TABLE 7.—*Source of complaint in delinquency cases dealt with by 62 courts during 1928*

Source of complaint	Delinquency cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	38,882	-----
Source of complaint reported.....	38,798	100
Police.....	21,829	56
Parents or relatives.....	3,639	9
Other individual.....	5,606	14
School department.....	4,186	11
Probation officer.....	2,194	6
Social agency.....	833	2
Other.....	511	1
Source of complaint not reported.....	84	-----

PLACES OF CARE PENDING HEARING OR DISPOSITION

The facilities used by the 62 courts for the detention of delinquent children varied greatly in different localities. Less than half the 62 courts reported the use of detention homes, and most of these were situated in cities or counties of 100,000 or more population. A number of the courts serving less populous districts which reported a few dependent or delinquent children held in a detention home may have used this name for some institution used primarily for another purpose. Courts that had no detention-home facilities provided for the detention of children in a variety of ways. The institutional resources of private agencies were used by a number of courts, notably by the New York City court. Boarding-home care had not been developed to any extent by any of the courts, although a few children were detained in boarding homes in a number of localities. Many of the courts using boarding homes also had detention-home facilities. A few courts stated that a "detention room" for children was located in the courthouse or in the jail. Detention in the same building as the jail was classified as detention in jail.

Table 8 shows that more than half the children were not detained, but were left in their own homes or their cases were disposed of on the day the complaint was made. For the children who were detained a marked difference is shown in the type of detention used for those under 16 years of age and for older children. A smaller percentage of the older children than of the younger children were detained in detention homes and other institutions, and a larger percentage were detained in jails. It is probable that a number of the children detained in jail were held for short periods, possibly not overnight, although the instruction to courts using the cards was that a child held for a few hours only should not be considered detained. Nevertheless, the detention of 1,305 children, 548 of whom were under 16 years of age, in jails and police stations shows the widespread use of these places for holding young children and the urgent need for more adequate provision for meeting this problem. The percentage of children detained in institutions other than detention homes reflects

the use of this method of detention by the New York City court, since more than nine-tenths of the children detained in "other institutions" were in New York City. (See Table V, p. 48.)

TABLE 8.—*Place of care pending hearing or disposition, and ages of children represented in boys' and girls' delinquency cases dealt with by 62 courts during 1928*¹

Place of care	Delinquency cases											
	Total		Age of child									
	Number	Per cent distribution	Under 14 years		14 years, under 16		16 years, under 18		18 years and over		Not reported	
			Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Boys' cases	32, 822		15, 221		12, 965		4, 132		74		430	
Place of care reported	32, 540	100	15, 090	100	12, 847	100	4, 105	100	73	100	425	100
Own home or case disposed of same day	19, 250	59	9, 407	62	7, 122	55	2, 379	58	47	64	295	69
Boarding home	68	(²)	32	(²)	26	(²)	10	(²)				
Detention home or other institution ³	11, 709	36	5, 402	36	5, 171	40	1, 000	24	13	18	123	29
Detention home ³	8, 813	27	3, 978	26	3, 719	29	991	24	13	18	112	26
Other institution	2, 896	9	1, 424	9	1, 452	11	9	(²)			11	3
Jail or police station	1, 195	4	119	1	373	3	686	17	11	15	6	1
Only place of care	1, 014	3	98	1	303	2	597	15	11	15	5	1
One of the places of care	181	1	21	(²)	70	1	89	2			1	(²)
More than one place of care ⁴	255	1	105	1	133	1	16	(²)			1	(²)
Other place of care	63	(²)	25	(²)	22	(²)	14	(²)	2	3		
Place of care not reported	282		131		118		27		1		5	
Girls' cases	6, 060		1, 897		2, 938		1, 149		15		61	
Place of care reported	5, 992	100	1, 876	100	2, 912	100	1, 130	100	14	(⁴)	60	100
Own home or case disposed of same day	3, 024	50	1, 124	60	1, 316	45	546	48	5		33	55
Boarding home	41	1	11	1	19	1	10	1			1	2
Detention home or other institution ³	2, 672	45	697	37	1, 454	50	489	43	8		24	40
Detention home ³	1, 873	31	447	24	938	32	463	41	7		18	30
Other institution	799	13	250	13	516	18	26	2	1		6	10
Jail or police station	110	2	13	1	43	1	52	5	1		1	2
Only place of care	93	2	11	1	38	1	43	4	1			
One of the places of care	17	(²)	2	(²)	5	(²)	9	1			1	2
More than one place of care ⁴	59	1	18	1	37	1	4	(²)				
Other place of care	86	1	13	1	43	1	29	3			1	2
Place of care not reported	68		21		26		19		1		1	

¹ Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.

² Less than 1 per cent.

³ Includes cases of children cared for part of the time in detention homes and part of the time elsewhere, but excludes cases of children also held in jails or police stations.

⁴ Excludes cases of children held in jails, police stations, or detention homes.

⁵ Not shown, as number of cases is less than 50.

CHARGES

Although an attempt is being made to secure uniformity in the use of terms, the charges on which children were dealt with as delinquents by the courts give a very incomplete picture of their behavior problems. A child may have committed several offenses at or about the

same time but be referred to the court on only one of them. The specific offense with which he is charged may be much less serious than offenses discovered in the course of the social investigation. When the case is investigated before the filing of a petition instead of afterward, the formal charge is usually more accurate, but even in such cases the offense stated in the complaint may reflect the desire of the court to protect the child. For instance, in some courts a girl is charged with incorrigibility instead of a sex offense, and Table VIa seems to show that a boy is sometimes charged with mischief instead of stealing. These differences in the attitudes and practices of the courts are shown very clearly by the character of the charges in the cases reported by each court. (See Tables VIa, VIIb, pp. 50, 52.)

It is generally accepted that the offenses with which boys and girls are charged represent different delinquency problems. Table 9a shows that "stealing or attempted stealing" and "acts of carelessness or mischief" were the most usual charges in boys' cases, whereas the closely related charges of "running away," "ungovernable or beyond parental control," and "sex offense" appeared more often in girls' cases.

TABLE 9A.—Charges in boys' and girls' delinquency cases dealt with by 62 courts during 1928¹

Charge	Delinquency cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total	38,882	-----	32,822	-----	6,060	-----
Charge reported	38,688	100	32,667	100	6,021	100
Stealing or attempted stealing	14,791	38	14,064	43	727	12
Automobile stealing	1,857	5	1,831	6	26	(²)
Burglary or unlawful entry	4,282	11	4,239	13	43	1
Robbery	739	2	698	2	41	1
Other type of stealing	5,134	13	4,729	14	405	7
Type of stealing not reported	2,779	7	2,567	8	212	4
Truancy	3,632	9	2,880	9	752	12
Running away	2,913	8	2,005	6	908	15
Ungovernable or beyond parental control	3,987	10	2,274	7	1,713	28
Sex offense	1,722	4	564	2	1,158	19
Injury or attempted injury to person	1,074	3	922	3	152	3
Act of carelessness or mischief	9,625	25	9,146	28	479	8
Violating liquor or drug law, or intoxication	405	1	340	1	65	1
Other charge	539	1	472	1	67	1
Charge not reported	194	-----	155	-----	39	-----

¹ Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.

² Less than 1 per cent.

Running away was a larger problem in New York City and in Philadelphia than in most of the other localities, and the inclusion of such cases from these courts materially increased the percentage of children charged with this offense. On the contrary, the number of children referred to these two courts on truancy charges was very small and correspondingly lowered the percentage of children charged with truancy.

The interests and pursuits of children of different ages are reflected in the types of offenses which they commit. Table 9b shows that the offenses committed by girls under 12 years of age corresponded more closely to those committed by boys of those ages than did the offenses of older girls. The percentage charged with "acts of carelessness and mischief" decreased steadily as the age of the children increased, while sex offenses and the violation of the liquor or drug law or intoxication, constituted an increasing percentage of the offenses charged in both boys' and girls' cases, from the lower to the higher age groups. A most interesting difference is shown in the ages of boys and girls charged with being ungovernable. The largest percentages of boys charged with this offense were in the age groups under 10 and 10, under 12 years, whereas among the girls the age group under 10 showed a smaller percentage than any other. Truancy among the boys and running away among the girls occurred more often among the children of 14, under 16 years, than among the children of any other age group. Stealing, the most common charge, appeared approximately in the same proportions of boys' cases in all age groups, although the type of stealing changed as the boys grew older.

TABLE 9B.—*Per cent distribution of charges reported in boys' and girls' delinquency cases dealt with by 62 courts during 1928, by age of child*¹

Charge	Delinquency cases							
	Total	Age of child						
		Under 10 years	10 years, under 12	12 years, under 14	14 years, under 16	16 years, under 18	18 years and over	Not re-reported
Boys' cases.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Stealing or attempted stealing.....	43	39	45	46	43	39	49	26
Automobile stealing.....	6	1	1	3	8	12	15	2
Burglary or unlawful entry.....	13	14	15	15	12	9	16	7
Robbery.....	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1
Other type of stealing.....	14	15	18	17	13	11	8	9
Type of stealing not reported.....	8	8	8	9	8	5	8	7
Truancy.....	9	6	7	8	11	9	7	6
Running away.....	6	5	7	6	6	5	1	15
Ungovernable or beyond parental control.....	7	8	8	7	7	6	3	3
Sex offense.....	2	2	1	1	2	3	5	2
Injury or attempted injury to person.....	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	2
Act of carelessness or mischief.....	28	35	29	28	26	28	18	42
Violating liquor or drug law, or intoxication.....	1	(²)	(²)	(²)	1	4	14	2
Other charge.....	1	1	1	1	2	2	-----	2
Girls' cases.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	(³)	100
Stealing or attempted stealing.....	12	15	23	17	10	8	-----	11
Automobile stealing.....	(²)	1	(²)	(²)	(²)	1	-----	-----
Burglary or unlawful entry.....	1	1	2	1	(²)	1	-----	-----
Robbery.....	1	1	1	1	(²)	1	-----	2
Other type of stealing.....	7	8	12	10	6	4	-----	5
Type of stealing not reported.....	4	3	7	4	3	2	-----	5
Truancy.....	12	9	14	10	14	13	-----	5
Running away.....	15	6	10	13	19	11	-----	11
Ungovernable or beyond parental control.....	28	14	24	32	30	27	-----	26
Sex offense.....	19	8	7	16	19	30	-----	8
Injury or attempted injury to person.....	3	7	4	3	2	3	-----	3
Act of carelessness or mischief.....	8	40	18	8	5	5	-----	26
Violating liquor or drug law, or intoxication.....	1	-----	(²)	1	1	2	-----	-----
Other charge.....	1	1	(²)	1	1	2	-----	8

¹ Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.

² Less than 1 per cent.

³ Not shown, as number of cases is less than 50.

DISPOSITIONS

Official cases.

Table 10a shows the extent to which different types of dispositions were used in official cases by the courts reporting delinquency cases. Placing the child on probation was the disposition most often used. The number of children whose cases were dismissed or continued indefinitely¹⁷ was also large, as was the number committed to institutions. Only about one-eighth of the cases were disposed of in other ways than by one of these three methods. Although about the same percentage of boys and of girls were placed on probation, the percentage of cases dismissed or continued indefinitely was larger for boys than for girls, and the percentage of commitments to institutions was higher for girls. Other slight differences in the methods of dealing with boys' and girls' cases are shown in Table 10a.

Individual courts showed wide variation in the extent to which different types of dispositions were used. (See Tables VIIa, VIIb, pp. 55, 57.) Such variations are due in many instances to differences in court procedure and practice. For instance, the number of official cases dismissed or continued indefinitely is small if cases are investigated before the filing of a petition and trivial cases are dealt with unofficially or dropped. The proportion of cases in which the child is placed on probation is influenced by several factors, among them the number of cases dismissed or continued indefinitely upon first hearing, the extent to which unofficial probation is used, the local institutions available for short-time commitments, and the care with which children are selected for probation both as to those likely to profit by it and as to the court's facilities for giving adequate supervision.

The percentage of children's cases dismissed or continued indefinitely and the percentage of cases in which the children were committed to institutions were slightly affected by the cases reported from the New York and Philadelphia courts. The dispositions made by these courts as compared with those of all the other courts included a larger percentage of cases dismissed or continued indefinitely and a smaller percentage of children committed to institutions. The dispositions of the cases reported in 1927 compared fairly closely with those shown in Table 10a for 1928. In 1927 a slightly larger percentage of the cases were dismissed or continued indefinitely, with a corresponding decrease in those in which the children were placed on probation.

¹⁷ The classification "case dismissed" was used for cases closed without further action, cases referred to other courts for commitment to institutions for the feeble-minded, and cases dismissed because of lack of jurisdiction in the juvenile court. Cases were considered as "continued indefinitely" when no further action was taken or supervision given the children, but when jurisdiction was maintained so that if a like situation arose later the case might be brought into court again without the filing of a new petition. Cases of children placed on probation to parents or committed to institutions with commitment suspended when no further action was contemplated were also classed as "continued indefinitely."

TABLE 10A.—Disposition in boys' and girls' official delinquency cases dealt with by 61 courts during 1928 ¹

Disposition	Official delinquency cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
Total.....	27,885		23,399		4,486	
Disposition reported.....	27,863	100	23,379	100	4,484	100
Dismissed or continued indefinitely.....	8,039	29	7,046	30	993	22
Child placed on probation.....	11,914	43	10,054	43	1,860	41
Child committed to institution.....	4,419	16	3,241	14	1,178	26
State institution for delinquent children.....	1,792	6	1,334	6	458	10
Other institution for delinquent children.....	2,136	8	1,536	7	600	13
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported.....	292	1	235	1	57	1
Other institution.....	199	1	136	1	63	1
Restitution, fine, or costs.....	1,776	6	1,715	7	61	1
Fine imposed or payment of costs ordered.....	1,383	5	1,334	6	49	1
Restitution or reparation ordered.....	393	1	381	2	12	(?)
Other disposition.....	1,715	6	1,323	6	392	9
Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer.....	419	2	335	1	84	2
Child committed to board, department, or agency.....	963	3	743	3	220	5
Child returned home ³	135	(?)	84	(?)	51	1
Child referred for criminal prosecution.....	55	(?)	52	(?)	3	(?)
Child otherwise cared for.....	143	1	109	(?)	34	1
Disposition not reported.....	22		20		2	

¹ Only 61 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported official delinquency cases. Of these 61 courts only 57 reported girls' official delinquency cases.

² Less than 1 per cent.

³ Applies only to runaways or children living away from own home at time referred to court.

Both the age of a child and the character of his offense affect the disposition of his case. Table 10b shows the dispositions of the cases by the age of the child, and Table 10c shows the relation between the offenses charged and the disposition of the cases.

Except for the larger percentage of boys under 10 years whose cases were dismissed or continued indefinitely and the increasing percentage who were committed to institution in the higher age period, no significant variations occur in the dispositions made of cases of boys under 16 years of age. A comparison of the dispositions in the cases of boys 16 and over and of each age group under 16 shows that a smaller percentage in the older than in the younger groups were dismissed or continued indefinitely or were placed on probation. In a larger percentage of the cases of older boys commitments to institutions were made or fines were imposed or costs ordered. The percentage of cases of boys 16 or over referred for criminal prosecution was small, and these constitute the majority of the cases dealt with in this way.

Possibly because of the differences in the kinds of offenses with which girls under 12 were charged as compared with older girls, a much larger percentage of the cases of girls in the age groups under 10 and 10, under 12 years of age were dismissed or continued indefinitely.

As in boys' cases, commitment to institutions constituted an increasing percentage of the dispositions from the lower to the higher age periods.

TABLE 10B.—*Per cent distribution of disposition reported for each age group of boys and girls referred in official delinquency cases dealt with by 61 courts during 1928*¹

Disposition	Official delinquency cases							
	Total	Age of child						
		Under 10 years	10 years, under 12	12 years, under 14	14 years, under 16	16 years, under 18	18 years and over	Age not reported
Boys' cases.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	(²)	100
Dismissed or continued indefinitely.....	30	39	31	30	30	23	-----	49
Child placed on probation.....	43	42	46	45	43	36	-----	26
Child committed to institution.....	14	7	12	13	15	19	-----	6
State institution for delinquent children.....	6	2	3	4	6	13	-----	3
Other institution for delinquent children.....	7	4	7	7	7	4	-----	2
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported.....	1	(³)	1	1	1	1	-----	1
Other institution.....	1	2	1	(³)	(³)	1	-----	1
Restitution, fine, or costs.....	7	6	6	7	7	12	-----	13
Fine imposed or payment of costs ordered.....	6	3	5	5	5	11	-----	6
Restitution or reparation ordered.....	2	3	2	2	1	2	-----	7
Other disposition.....	6	5	5	5	5	10	-----	5
Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer.....	1	1	1	1	1	3	-----	2
Child committed to board, department, or agency.....	3	4	3	3	3	3	-----	2
Child returned home ⁴	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)	2	-----	1
Child referred for criminal prosecution.....	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)	2	-----	1
Child otherwise cared for.....	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)	2	-----	2
Girls' cases.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	(²)	(²)
Dismissed or continued indefinitely.....	22	55	33	20	21	18	-----	-----
Child placed on probation.....	41	29	40	44	44	35	-----	-----
Child committed to institution.....	26	9	17	24	27	32	-----	-----
State institution for delinquent children.....	10	2	5	9	10	15	-----	-----
Other institution for delinquent children.....	13	6	9	13	14	15	-----	-----
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported.....	1	-----	1	1	1	1	-----	-----
Other institution.....	1	1	1	1	1	2	-----	-----
Restitution, fine, or costs.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	-----	-----
Fine imposed or payment of costs ordered.....	1	1	-----	1	1	1	-----	-----
Restitution or reparation ordered.....	(³)	-----	1	1	(³)	-----	-----	-----
Other disposition.....	9	6	9	11	7	13	-----	-----
Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer.....	2	2	3	3	1	3	-----	-----
Child committed to board, department, or agency.....	5	3	5	7	4	6	-----	-----
Child returned home ⁴	1	2	1	1	1	2	-----	-----
Child referred for criminal prosecution.....	(³)	-----	-----	-----	(³)	(³)	-----	-----
Child otherwise cared for.....	1	-----	(³)	(³)	1	2	-----	-----

¹ Only 61 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported official delinquency cases; of these 51 courts only 57 courts reported girls' official delinquency cases.

² Not shown as number of cases is less than 50.

³ Less than 1 per cent.

⁴ Applies only to runaways or children living away from home at time referred to court.

TABLE 10c.—*Per cent distribution of disposition reported for each type of charge on which boys and girls were referred in official delinquency cases dealt with by 61 courts during 1928*¹

Disposition	Official delinquency cases										
	Charge on which referred to court										
	Total	Steal- ing or at- tempted stealing	Tru- ancy	Run- ning away	Ungov- ernable or beyond parental control	Sex offense	Injury or at- tempted injury to person	Act of careless- ness or mischief	Violat- ing liquor or drug law or intoxi- cation	Other charge	Charge not re- ported
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Boys' cases											
Dismissed or continued indefinitely	30	20	27	28	23	22	45	55	33	55	55
Child placed on probation	43	54	40	42	47	53	34	21	35	21	34
Child committed to institution	14	17	15	19	22	16	10	2	9	8	4
State institutions for delinquent children	6	8	3	6	9	7	5	1	4	2	1
Other institution for delinquent children	7	7	10	10	11	7	4	1	5	3	3
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	(2)	1	(2)	1
Other institution	1	1	1	1	1	1	(2)	(2)	1	(2)	2
Restitution, fine, or costs	7	4	4	(3)	1	4	7	20	22	5	7
Fine imposed or payment of costs ordered	6	2	4	(3)	1	4	4	17	22	5	7
Restitution or reparation ordered	2	2			(2)		3	2			
Other disposition	6	5	14	11	7	5	4	2	1	11	
Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer		2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1		
Child committed to board, department, or agency	3	2	13	5	5	2	1	1	1	8	
Child returned home	(2)	(2)	(2)	3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)		(2)	
Child referred for criminal prosecution	(2)	(2)	(2)			1	(2)			(2)	
Child otherwise cared for	(2)	(2)	(2)	1	(2)	(2)	1	(2)		(2)	3
Girls' cases	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	(4)	(4)	(4)
Dismissed or continued indefinitely	22	20	41	18	18	11	56	59			
Child placed on probation	41	56	33	44	48	33	25	22			
Child committed to institution	26	15	9	26	26	48	6	8			
State institutions for delinquent children	10	4	3	8	9	23	2	4			
Other institution for delinquent children	13	10	5	16	14	20	2	4			
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported	1	(2)	1	1	2	2	1				
Other institution	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	1			

Restitution, fine, or costs.....	1	3	3	(2)	(2)	(2)	7	7	7
Fine imposed or payment of costs ordered.....	1	1	3	(2)	(2)	(2)	6	7	6
Restitution or reparation ordered.....	(2)	2			(2)	(2)	1		1
Other disposition.....									
Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer.....	9	6	13		8	7	4		
Child committed to board, department, or agency.....	2	2	1		2	3	1		
Child returned home ³	5	3	11		5	3	1		
Child referred for criminal prosecution.....	1	1			1	(2)	1		
Child otherwise cared for.....	(2)				(2)	(2)	1		
	1	1	1		(2)	2	2		

¹ Only 61 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported official delinquency cases. Of these 61 courts only 57 courts reported girls' official delinquency cases.

² Less than 1 per cent.

³ Applies only to runaways or children living away from home at time referred to court.

⁴ Not shown as number of cases is less than 50.

Table 10c shows that with a few striking exceptions the treatment for different types of offenses was quite similar in boys' and girls' cases. Dismissal or indefinite continuance was the type of disposition most often used when the charge was injury or attempted injury to person, act of carelessness or mischief, and in a group of miscellaneous charges classed as "other." Probation was the most usual disposition for both boys and girls charged with stealing, running away, and being ungovernable or beyond parental control. In cases of children committing sex offenses the contrast between the methods of dealing with boys and girls is marked, probation being used most often for boys and commitment to an institution for girls. In truancy cases the most usual disposition for girls was dismissal or indefinite continuance, and for boys placement on probation.

Unofficial cases.

Thirty-nine of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases disposed of cases unofficially, one court having dealt with all its cases in this way. Table 11 shows that a large percentage of these cases were dealt with either by adjusting the difficulty or apparently by dropping the case without action of any sort. A small percentage of the children were placed on unofficial probation, and a still smaller group were referred to institutions and agencies. Runaways returned home also constituted a small percentage of the cases.

TABLE 11.—Disposition in boys' and girls' unofficial delinquency cases dealt with by 39 courts during 1928 ¹

Disposition	Unofficial delinquency cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	10,997	-----	9,423	-----	1,574	-----
Disposition reported.....	10,919	100	9,360	100	1,559	100
Difficulty adjusted.....	5,677	52	4,960	53	717	46
Child placed on unofficial probation.....	1,176	11	1,002	11	174	11
Child returned home ²	522	5	385	4	137	9
Placement of child in institution recommended.....	299	3	253	3	46	3
Placement of child elsewhere recommended.....	59	1	50	1	9	1
Referred to agency or other court.....	239	2	165	2	74	5
Other disposition ³	2,947	27	2,545	27	402	26
Disposition not reported.....	78	-----	63	-----	15	-----

¹ Only 39 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported unofficial delinquency cases; 37 of the 39 reported boys' cases and 34 reported girls' cases.

² Applies only to runaways or children living away from own home at time referred to court.

³ The majority of these cases were dismissed, dropped, or closed with a warning.

DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT CASES

Dependency and neglect cases constituted a smaller part of the work of the courts than delinquency cases except in 11¹⁸ of the smaller courts. Ten courts dealing with delinquent children did not report dependency and neglect cases. The practice in some courts of filing the complaint against the adult responsible for dependency or neglect instead of instituting proceedings in the name of the child is one of the factors influencing this situation. In some localities only those cases of dependency and neglect requiring commitment or other legal adjudication of custody or of parental obligation were brought as a rule to the attention of the court, whereas in other communities the court was the principal or only local agency caring for such children.¹⁹ As 45 per cent of the dependency and neglect cases were reported by the New York and Philadelphia courts, the methods used by these courts in dealing with such cases definitely affect the total figures.

CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THE CASES

The 16,289 dependency and neglect cases represented 15,825 children in 8,153 families. Tables 12, 13a, 13b, and 14 show the age, sex, race, nativity, parentage, and whereabouts of children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases. Nearly as many girls as boys were dealt with in these cases. The numbers of children of all age groups under 16 years coming before the courts showed little variation. The number who were 14 or over was slightly smaller than the number in the lower age groups, although all the courts had jurisdiction over dependency and neglect cases involving children under 16 years of age and some had jurisdiction over children to 18 years of age.

A comparison of Tables 13a and b with Tables 4a and b shows some interesting contrasts in the color, nativity, and parentage of children dealt with in dependency or neglect cases and in delinquency cases. As to color a slightly larger proportion of the dependent or neglected children than of the delinquent children were white, although the percentage of colored children referred to the court for these causes as well as for delinquency was about three times as high as the percentage of colored persons (5 per cent) in the total population served by the courts. The percentage of foreign-born children was even smaller in dependency and neglect cases than in delinquency cases. A significant difference shown in Tables 13b and 4b is that the proportion of the native-born children of native parentage referred to the courts because of dependency or neglect was much larger than the proportion of the same ancestry who were before the court because of delinquency.

Nearly three-fourths of the children dealt with by the courts in dependency or neglect cases came from families in which the home had been broken by death, divorce, desertion, or other cause. (Table 14.)

¹⁸ Another court reported only dependency cases.

¹⁹ Cases of mothers' allowances, which frequently are administered by courts, are not included in the tabulations.

TABLE 12.—*Ages of children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases by 53 courts during 1928*

Age of child	Children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	15, 825	-----
Age reported.....	15, 540	100
Under 2 years.....	1, 906	12
2 years, under 4.....	2, 031	13
4 years, under 6.....	2, 069	13
6 years, under 8.....	2, 259	15
8 years, under 10.....	2, 075	13
10 years, under 12.....	1, 837	12
12 years, under 14.....	1, 763	11
14 years, under 16.....	1, 375	9
16 years and over.....	225	1
Age not reported.....	285	-----

TABLE 13A.—*Color and nativity of boys and girls dealt with in dependency and neglect cases by 53 courts during 1928*¹

Color and nativity	Children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	15, 825	-----	8, 129	-----	7, 696	-----
Color reported.....	15, 819	100	8, 125	100	7, 694	100
White.....	13, 605	86	7, 018	86	6, 587	86
Native.....	12, 982	82	6, 698	82	6, 284	82
Foreign born.....	157	1	72	1	85	1
Nativity not reported.....	466	3	248	3	218	3
Colored ²	2, 214	14	1, 107	14	1, 107	14
Color not reported.....	6	-----	4	-----	2	-----

¹ Only 51 of the 53 courts reporting dependency and neglect cases reported both boys' and girls' cases; 1 court reported only boys' cases, and 1 court reported only girls' cases.

² Includes 1 boy and 2 girls colored other than negro.

TABLE 13B.—*Nativity of parents of native white boys and girls*¹*dealt with in dependency and neglect cases by 53 courts during 1928*²

Nativity of parents	Children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	12, 775	100	6, 590	100	6, 185	100
Native parentage.....	7, 852	61	4, 029	61	3, 823	62
Foreign and mixed parentage.....	4, 923	39	2, 561	39	2, 362	38

¹ Exclusive of those for whom nativity of parents was not reported.

² Only 51 of the 53 courts reporting dependency and neglect cases reported both boys' and girls' cases; 1 court reported only boys' cases, and 1 court reported only girls' cases.

TABLE 14.—*Whereabouts when referred to court in first case disposed of during the year for children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases by 53 courts during 1928*

Whereabouts of child	Children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	15, 825	-----
Whereabouts reported.....	13, 309	100
With both own parents.....	3, 866	28
With mother and stepfather.....	282	2
With father and stepmother.....	274	2
With mother only.....	4, 107	30
With father only.....	2, 378	17
Adoptive home.....	103	1
Other family home.....	2, 299	17
Institution.....	450	3
Other.....	150	1
Whereabouts not reported.....	1, 916	-----

SOURCES OF COMPLAINT AND CHARGES

Since several children in a family may be referred to court at the same time on the same charge and from the same source, the family rather than the child has been used as the base of comparison in Tables 15 and 16. Each family was counted only once for each time it was dealt with by the court on a new charge involving one or more of the children.

It is to be expected that social agencies would be one of the most important sources of reference in dependency and neglect cases. In some localities the court prefers to have such cases investigated first by a social agency so that only those actually needing court action are brought to court. In other localities the court undertakes the initial work and receives complaints from any interested persons, including parents and relatives. Table 15 shows that in the areas reporting, complaints were filed in about equal proportions by social agencies and by parents and relatives, these two groups being the source of complaint in three-fourths of the cases.

In more than a third of the cases the charge specified some form of neglect on the part of parents or guardians (abandonment or desertion, abuse or cruel treatment, improper conditions in the home). A still larger proportion of the families were referred for dependency primarily. The courts were asked to interpret the term "insufficient parental care," as well as "financial need," as inability rather than neglect to provide for children. Less than one-tenth of the families were referred to the court for consideration of problems related to the custody of children and a slightly smaller proportion were referred for "other" reasons.

TABLE 15.—*Source of complaint on which families were referred to court in dependency and neglect cases dealt with by 53 courts during 1928*

Source of complaint	Families referred in dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	8, 153	-----
Source of complaint reported.....	8, 122	100
Social agency.....	3, 079	38
Parents or relatives.....	2, 975	37
Other individual.....	508	6
Police.....	602	7
Probation officer.....	587	7
School department.....	251	3
Other.....	120	1
Source of complaint not reported.....	31	-----

TABLE 16.—*Charges on which families were referred in dependency and neglect cases dealt with by 53 courts during 1928*

Charge	Families referred in dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	8, 153	-----
Charge reported.....	7, 161	100
Abandonment or desertion.....	851	12
Abuse or cruel treatment.....	248	3
Improper conditions in home.....	1, 599	22
Insufficient parental care.....	2, 573	36
Financial need.....	859	12
Question of custody.....	563	8
Other.....	468	7
Charge not reported.....	992	-----

PLACES OF CARE PENDING HEARING OR DISPOSITION

The detention of dependent and neglected children presents problems different from those involved in the detention of delinquent children. All the courts reporting the use of detention homes used also boarding homes or institutions other than detention homes. Although a number of courts used "other institutions" for the detention of children, four-fifths of the cases of children so detained were in New York City and Philadelphia. (See Table X, p. 64.) As is shown by a comparison of Table 8 and Table 17, the percentage of children who were left in their own homes or whose cases were disposed of on the same day was only slightly larger in dependency and neglect cases than in delinquency cases.

TABLE 17.—*Place of care pending hearing or disposition of dependency and neglect cases dealt with by 53 courts during 1928*

Place of care	Dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	16,289	
Place of care reported.....	15,974	100
Own home or case disposed of same day.....	9,682	61
Boarding home.....	736	5
Detention home or other institution ¹	5,013	31
Detention home ¹	1,539	10
Other institution.....	3,474	22
Jail or police station.....	15	(?)
Only place of care.....	14	(?)
One of the places of care.....	1	(?)
More than 1 place of care ²	167	1
Other place of care.....	361	2
Place of care not reported.....	315	

¹ Includes cases of children cared for part of the time in detention homes and part of the time elsewhere, but excludes cases of children also held in jails or police stations.

² Less than 1 per cent.

³ Excludes cases of children held in jails, police stations, or detention homes.

DISPOSITIONS

Although the majority of the dependency and neglect cases were official, 28 courts reported some unofficial cases. The extent to which individual courts dealt unofficially with dependency and neglect cases varied considerably. (See Table I, p. 33.) Although the Philadelphia court had more official than unofficial cases, the unofficial cases reported by this court constituted one-half of the total unofficial cases.

As is shown by Tables 18 and 19, some definite action such as committing the child to an institution or agency or placing him under supervision of the court or some individual was taken in three-fourths of the official cases, whereas placement or supervision of the child was advised in only one-fifth of the unofficial cases. Two-thirds of the unofficial cases were disposed of by making some adjustment of the difficulties involved.

TABLE 18.—*Disposition in official dependency and neglect cases dealt with by 53 courts during 1928*

Disposition	Official dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	13,464	-----
Disposition reported.....	13,463	100
Dismissed or continued indefinitely.....	2,718	20
Child placed under court supervision.....	3,111	23
Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer.....	999	7
Child committed to board, department, or agency.....	3,551	26
State agency.....	676	5
Other agency.....	2,841	21
Type of agency not reported.....	34	(1)
Child committed to institution.....	2,947	22
State institution for dependents.....	170	1
Other institution for dependents.....	2,377	18
Type of institution for dependents not reported.....	179	1
Institution for delinquent children.....	52	(1)
Institution for feeble-minded or epileptic children.....	19	(1)
Institution for physically handicapped children.....	81	1
Other institution.....	69	1
Other disposition.....	137	1
Disposition not reported.....	1	-----

¹ Less than 1 per cent.TABLE 19.—*Disposition in unofficial dependency and neglect cases dealt with by 28 courts during 1928* ¹

Disposition	Unofficial dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	2,825	-----
Disposition reported.....	2,767	100
Difficulty adjusted.....	1,800	65
Referred to agency or other court.....	291	11
Placement of child in institution recommended.....	62	2
Placement of child elsewhere recommended.....	107	4
Child placed under supervision of probation officer.....	103	4
Other disposition ²	404	15
Disposition not reported.....	58	-----

¹ Only 28 of the 53 courts reporting cases of dependency and neglect reported unofficial dependency and neglect cases.² The majority of these cases were dismissed, dropped, or closed with a warning.

CASES OF CHILDREN DISCHARGED FROM PROBATION OR SUPERVISION

Cases of delinquent children discharged from probation were reported by 45 courts and cases of dependent or neglected children discharged from supervision by 20 courts, 2 reporting only cases discharged from probation or supervision and not reporting cases of children coming before the court during the year. The majority of the cases were official; only 621 of the 8,493 probation cases and 21 of the 1,936 supervision cases were unofficial.

No constant relation seems to exist between the number of children placed on probation or under supervision by the different courts and the number discharged from probation or supervision. (See Tables XIII, XVI, pp. 70, 74.) In three courts the number discharged from probation was larger than the number placed under the care of probation officers. In most courts, however, the number placed on probation exceeded the number discharged. Some courts apparently do not terminate probation at any definite time but allow cases gradually to become inactive. In these courts cases may remain on the list or index of active cases long after active supervision of the child has ceased and are reported "discharged" from care only at times of general review of the files. Unless this review is made at regular intervals the number of cases discharged may vary greatly from year to year. In a few courts, notably in New York City, the only cards filled out for cases discharged from care were for children who had come to the attention of the court during the time that the Children's Bureau cards had been in use. As contact with some of the cases may have extended beyond this period, the number reported as discharged is small.

Tables 20 and 21 show that a large proportion of the children under care of the probation departments were discharged because of improvement in conduct or because further supervision seemed unnecessary. About a tenth of the delinquent children, however, were discharged because of having reached the age limit of court jurisdiction rather than voluntarily discharged because of good behavior. Failure of probation as indicated by commitment to an institution for delinquent children is shown in about one-seventh of the cases. Some interesting differences are shown in Tables XIV and XVII (pp. 71, 75) as to the duration of the probation or supervision period in children's cases in different courts.

TABLE 20.—*Reason for discharge in cases of delinquent children discharged from probation by 45 courts during 1928*

Reason for discharge	Cases of delinquent children discharged from probation	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	8, 493	-----
Reason for discharge reported.....	8, 483	100
Further supervision not recommended, or discharged with improvement before reaching age limit.....	5, 338	63
Child committed to institution.....	1, 177	14
Institution for delinquent children.....	1, 082	13
Other institution.....	95	1
Child committed to agency or individual.....	377	4
Child reached age limit.....	866	10
Other reason.....	725	9
Transferred to other court.....	11	(¹)
Whereabouts unknown.....	218	3
Moved from jurisdiction of court.....	293	3
Other.....	203	2
Reason for discharge not reported.....	10	-----

¹ Less than 1 per cent.TABLE 21.—*Reason for discharge in cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision by 20 courts during 1928¹*

Reason for discharge	Cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	1, 936	-----
Reason for discharge reported.....	1, 931	100
Further supervision not recommended, or discharged with improvement before age limit.....	1, 179	61
Child committed to institution.....	244	13
Child committed to agency.....	117	6
Child committed to individual.....	183	.9
Child reached age limit.....	35	2
Other reason.....	173	9
Reason for discharge not reported.....	5	-----

¹ Only 20 of the 53 courts reporting cases of dependency and neglect reported cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision.

APPENDIX A.—COURTS FURNISHING STATISTICAL MATERIAL FOR 1928

Cards were received from 64 courts in 16 States and the District of Columbia for the entire calendar year 1928, and tables were prepared by 1 court (Philadelphia). The names of these courts with the largest city or town in the area served by each court are as follows:

	Largest city or town in area served
Connecticut:	
Juvenile court of the city of Bridgeport.....	Bridgeport.
Juvenile court of Hartford.....	Hartford.
District of Columbia: Juvenile court of the District of Columbia.....	
	Washington.
Indiana:	
Juvenile court of Adams County.....	Decatur.
Juvenile court of Clark County.....	Jeffersonville.
Juvenile court of Clay County.....	Brazil.
Juvenile court of Jennings County.....	North Vernon.
Juvenile court of Lake County.....	Gary.
Juvenile court of Marion County.....	Indianapolis.
Juvenile court of Monroe County.....	Bloomington.
Juvenile court of Montgomery County.....	Crawfordsville.
Juvenile court of Steuben County.....	Angola.
Juvenile court of Vermillion County.....	Clinton.
Juvenile court of Wayne County.....	Richmond.
Iowa: Polk County juvenile court.....	Des Moines.
Louisiana:	
Juvenile court of Caddo Parish.....	Shreveport.
Juvenile court, Parish of Ouachita.....	Monroe.
Minnesota:	
Juvenile court of Hennepin County.....	Minneapolis.
Juvenile court of Ramsey County.....	St. Paul.
Juvenile court of St. Louis County (southern part) ..	Duluth.
Missouri: Juvenile court of Jackson County.....	Kansas City.
New Jersey:	
Juvenile court of the county of Hudson.....	Jersey City.
Juvenile court of the county of Mercer.....	Trenton.
New York:	
Children's court of Buffalo.....	Buffalo.
Chemung County children's court.....	Elmira.
Clinton County children's court.....	Plattsburgh.
Columbia County children's court.....	Hudson.
Delaware County children's court.....	Walton.
Erie County children's court.....	Lackawanna.
Franklin County children's court.....	Malone.
Monroe County court, children's division.....	Rochester.
Children's court of the city of New York.....	New York.
Ontario County court, children's part.....	Geneva.
Orange County children's court.....	Newburgh.
Orleans County children's court.....	Medina.
Westchester County children's court.....	Yonkers.

	Largest city or town in area served
North Carolina:	
Juvenile court of Buncombe County.....	Asheville.
Winston-Salem juvenile court.....	Winston-Salem.
Ohio:	
Juvenile court of Auglaize County.....	St. Marys.
Juvenile court of Clark County.....	Springfield.
Juvenile court, county of Cuyahoga.....	Cleveland.
Franklin County juvenile court.....	Columbus.
Common-pleas court of Hamilton County, division of domestic relations, juvenile court, and marital relations.....	Cincinnati.
Juvenile court of Lake County.....	Painesville.
Common-pleas court of Mahoning County, division of domestic relations.....	Youngstown.
Court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, Montgomery County.....	Dayton.
Juvenile court of Sandusky County.....	Fremont.
Pennsylvania:	
Juvenile court of Allegheny County.....	Pittsburgh.
Juvenile court of Berks County.....	Reading.
Juvenile court of Lycoming County.....	Williamsport.
Juvenile court of Montgomery County.....	Norristown.
Municipal court of Philadelphia, juvenile division...	Philadelphia.
South Carolina: Children's court of Greenville County...	Greenville.
Texas: Juvenile court of Orange County.....	Orange.
Utah:	
Juvenile court, First district ¹	Logan.
Juvenile court, Second district ²	Ogden.
Juvenile court, Third district ³	Salt Lake City.
Juvenile court, Fourth district ⁴	Provo.
Juvenile court, Fifth district ⁵	Richfield.
Juvenile court, Carbon County.....	Price.
Juvenile courts, other counties ⁶	Cedar City.
Virginia:	
Juvenile and domestic relations court of Lynchburg...	Lynchburg.
Juvenile and domestic relations court of Norfolk....	Norfolk.
Juvenile and domestic relations court of Roanoke County.....	Salem.
Washington: Juvenile court of Pierce County.....	Tacoma.

¹ Cache, Boxelder, and Rich Counties.

² Weber, Morgan, and Davis Counties.

³ Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele Counties.

⁴ Utah, Juab, and Wasatch Counties.

⁵ Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, and Wayne Counties.

⁶ Beaver, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Kane, Millard, San Juan, Uintah, and Washington Counties.

APPENDIX B.—SOURCE TABLES

TABLE I.—Number of boys' and girls' official delinquency cases and number and per cent of unofficial delinquency cases, and number of children's official and unofficial dependency and neglect cases dealt with by 63 specified courts during 1928

Court	Total						Delinquency cases						Dependency and neglect cases			
	Total			Unofficial			Boys			Girls			Total		Unofficial	
	Total	Official	Unofficial	Number	Per cent ¹	Total	Official	Unofficial	Number	Per cent ¹	Total	Official	Unofficial	Number	Per cent ¹	Total
Total	38,882	27,885	10,997	28		32,822	23,399	9,423	29		6,060	4,486	1,574	26		16,289
Connecticut:																
Bridgeport	431	319	112	26		354	265	89	25		77	54	23	30		69
Hartford	352	440	112	20		491	390	101	21		61	50	11	18		144
District of Columbia	2,004	1,265	739	37		1,692	1,063	629	37		312	202	110	35		533
Indiana:																
Clark County	9	9				5	5				4	4				
Clay County	26	25	1			18	18				8	7	1			16
Jennings County																
Lake County	454	352	102	22		306	225	81	26		148	127	21	14		5
Marion County	822	605	217	26		534	492	42	8		288	113	175	61		290
Monroe County	41	28	13			22	16	6			19	12	7			322
Montgomery County	17	8	9			9	5	4			8	3	5			21
Steuken County	30	8	22			25	5	17			5					
Vermillion County	89	12	77	87		53	9	44	83		36	3	33			
Wayne County	30	13	17			20	7	13			10	6	4			
Iowa: Folk County	753	293	460	61		590	220	370	63		163	73	90	55		630
Louisiana:																
Caddo Parish	232	111	121	52		194	88	106	55		38	23	15			85
Ouachita Parish	257	71	186	72		221	62	159	72		36	9	27			115
Minnesota:																
Hennepin County	1,149	1,149				896	896				253	253				336
Ramsey County	375	375				298	298				77	77				135
St. Louis County (southern part)																
New Jersey:																
Hudson County	291	162	129	44		242	142	100	41		49	20	29			47
Mercer County	1,850	1,850				1,588	1,588				262	262				24
	294	294				272	272				22	22				86

¹ Not shown where number of cases is less than 50.

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² Includes official cases for 12 months and unofficial cases for 9 months.

TABLE II.A.—Age of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases by 62 specified courts during 1928 and age limit of original jurisdiction of court¹

Age limit of original jurisdiction, sex of child, and court	Children dealt with in delinquency cases														
	Total	Age of child reported												Age not re-ported	
		Under 10 years		10 years, under 12		12 years, under 14		14 years, under 16		16 years, under 18		18 years and over			
		Number	Per cent ²	Number	Per cent ²	Number	Per cent ²	Number	Per cent ²	Number	Per cent ²	Number	Per cent ²		
		Total													
COURTS WITH ORIGINAL JURISDICTION UNDER 16 YEARS															
Boys.....	17, 096	16, 953	1, 308	8	2, 706	16	5, 062	30	7, 689	45	173	1	5	(3)	143
Connecticut:															
Bridgeport.....	341	333	34	10	69	21	98	29	132	40					8
Hartford.....	477	476	76	16	89	19	145	30	166	35					1
Indiana:															
Clark County.....	5	5					1		4						
Clay County.....	18	18					3								
Lake County.....	291	291	24	8	52	18	96	33	119	41					

¹ Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.² Not shown where number of children is less than 50.

2 Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE II.A.—Age of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases by 62 specified courts during 1928 and age limit of original jurisdiction of court—Continued

Children dealt with in delinquency cases														Age not re-ported
Total	Total	Age of child reported										18 years and over		
		Under 10 years		10 years, under 12		12 years, under 14		14 years, under 16		16 years, under 18		Number	Per cent	
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent			
COURTS WITH ORIGINAL JURISDICTION UNDER 16 YEARS—Continued														
Marion County	442	27	6	54	12	105	24	252	57	4	1			
Monroe County	19	1		3		4		11						
Montgomery County	9	3		1		3		9						
Seiberg County	23	3		7		4		9						
Vermillion County	50	2	4	6	12	9	18	32	64		2			
Wayne County	18			2		5		11						
New Jersey:														
Hudson County	1,296	114	9	242	19	416	32	516	40	8	1			4
Mercer County	229	27	12	46	20	63	28	92	40	1	(1)			
New York:														
Buffalo	761	46	6	102	13	241	32	369	47	9	1			3
Chemung County	86	12	16	12	16	22	30	26	36	1	1			13
Chilton County	14			2		7		7						
Columbia County	47	8		4		13		22						
Delaware County	8			1		2		4						
Erle County	176	14	8	32	18	48	27	81	46	1	1			1
Franklin County	37	1		7		12		16						
Monroe County	171	3	2	11	6	51	30	106	62					31
New York City	5,931	333	6	843	14	1,782	30	2,938	50	4	(4)			
Ontario County	82	10	12	10	12	27	33	35	43					
Orange County	31	23	1	3		6		13						8
Orleans County	12	9	2			2		5						3
Westchester County	715	52	7	100	14	206	29	301	42	53	7			3
North Carolina:														
Buncombe County	92	9	10	15	17	25	29	37	43	1	1			5
Winston-Salem	235	30	13	51	22	76	33	76	33					2
Pennsylvania:														
Allegheny County	891	69	8	131	15	289	32	381	43	19	2	(3)		1
Berk County	76	6	8	19	25	19	25	32	42					
Lycoming County	6							3						
Montgomery County	50	1	2	3		19	38	20	40					
Philadelphia	4,371	389	9	739	18	1,238	29	1,858	43	70	2	(4)		54
South Carolina: Greenville County	79	10	13	19	25	27	36	18	24	1	1			4

	Girls	2, 647	2, 631	117	4	212	8	645	25	1, 578	60	73	3	6	(3)	16
Connecticut:																
Bridgeport.....		76	76	6	8	11	14	16	21	43	57					
Hartford.....		61	61			6	10	21	34	34	56					
New Jersey:																
Hudson County.....		228	227	16	7	21	9	69	30	119	52	2	1			1
Mercer County.....		19	19			1		2		16						
New York:																
Buffalo.....		63	63	2	3	8	13	17	27	36	57					2
Chemung County.....		25	23	1				3		18						
Clinton County.....		11	11			1		3		7						
Columbia County.....		14	14			2		2		10						
Delaware County.....		2	2							2						
Erie County.....		16	16	1				3		12						
Franklin County.....		6	6					2		4						
Monroe County.....		50	50			4	8	8	16	38	76					
New York City.....		921	918	26	3	67	7	227	25	595	65	3	(3)			3
Ontario County.....		17	17					5		12						
Orange County.....		2														2
Orleans County.....		1	1													
Westchester County.....		141	141	7	5	6	4	28	20	72	51	1	20			
North Carolina:																
Runcombe County.....		14	14	1				5		8						
Winston-Salem.....		62	62	11	18	11	18	23	37	17	27					
Pennsylvania:																
Allegheny County.....		183	182	2	1	11	6	47	56	99	54	19	10	4	2	1
Berks County.....		24	23			1		2		16		4				1
Lycoming County.....		6	6					3		2						
Montgomery County.....		11	11					3		7						
Philadelphia.....		675	669	40	6	56	8	152	23	403	60	16	2	3	(3)	6
South Carolina: Greenville County.....		19	19	3		4		4		8						
COURTS WITH ORIGINAL JURISDICTION UNDER 17 YEARS																
Boys.....		1, 851	1, 837	162	9	239	13	432	24	622	34	379	21	3	(3)	14
District of Columbia:																
Louisiana:		1, 457	1, 456	108	7	194	13	359	25	502	34	293	20			1
Caddo Parish.....		187	174	14	8	17	10	30	17	65	37	48	28			13
Ouachita Parish.....		198	198	39	20	24	12	39	20	55	28	38	19	3	2	
Texas: Orange County.....		9	9	1		4		4								
Girls.....		341	338	25	7	43	13	86	25	117	35	66	20	1	(3)	3
District of Columbia:																
Louisiana:		267	267	22	8	37	14	71	27	89	33	48	18			
Caddo Parish.....		38	35			2		10		13		10				3
Ouachita Parish.....		36	36	3		4		5		13		8		1		

^a Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE 11A.—Age of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases by 62 specified courts during 1928 and age limit of original jurisdiction of court—Continued

Age limit of original jurisdiction, sex of child, and court	Children dealt with in delinquency cases														Age not reported
	Age of child reported														
	Total	Under 10 years		10 years, under 12		12 years, under 14		14 years, under 16		16 years, under 18		18 years and over			
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent		
COURTS WITH ORIGINAL JURISDICTION UNDER 18 YEARS															
Boys.....	10,204	10,009	638	6	1,097	11	1,943	19	3,185	32	3,121	31	55	1	195
Iowa: Polk County.....	528	527	64	12	55	10	105	20	133	25	170	32			1
Minnesota:															
Hennepin County.....	794	791	38	5	99	13	168	21	255	32	228	29	3	(3)	3
Ramsey County.....	283	281	7	2	28	10	48	17	104	37	94	33			2
St. Louis County (southern part)....	227	225	23	10	29	13	32	14	78	35	62	28	1	(3)	2
Ohio:															
Auglaize County.....	23	23	2				1		9		11				
Clark County.....	274	261	13	5	21	8	39	15	79	30	108	41	1	(3)	13
Cuyahoga County.....	2,087	1,995	136	7	248	12	404	20	666	33	536	27	5	(3)	92
Franklin County.....	491	488	14	3	42	9	83	17	166	34	180	37	3		3
Hamilton County.....	981	976	54	6	96	10	154	16	307	31	362	37	3	(3)	5
Lake County.....	58	46	8		4		5		17		12				12
Mahoning County.....	1,265	92	7	143	11		245	20	392	31	377	30	3	(3)	43
Montgomery County.....	309	308	16	5	30	10	67	22	116	38	76	25	3	1	1
Sandusky County.....	29	29	2				7		12		8				
Utah:															
First district.....	256	255	17	7	21	8	35	14	82	32	98	38	2	1	1
Second district.....	251	251	27	11	24	10	47	19	74	29	78	31	1	(3)	
Third district.....	607	604	18	3	48	8	138	23	220	36	171	28	9	1	3
Fourth district.....	241	241	24	10	35	15	40	17	80	33	54	22	8	3	
Fifth district.....	365	362	40	11	48	13	79	22	101	28	88	24	6	2	3
Carbon County.....	90	90	7	8	18	20	27	30	29	32	9	10			
Other counties.....	195	186	2	1	20	11	33	18	62	33	68	37	1	1	9
Virginia:															
Lynchburg.....	221	220	7	3	22	10	41	19	53	24	97	44			1
Norfolk.....	473	473	23	5	48	10	79	17	109	23	208	44	6	1	
Roanoke County.....	10	9			1		1		5		2				1
Washington: Pierce County.....	116	116	4	3	17	15	35	30	36	31	24	21			

	2,625	2,591	80	3	127	5	421	16	1,016	39	9-10	36	7	(*)	34
Indiana:															
Clark County.....	4	4					2		4		2				
Clay County.....	8	8			1		2				1				
Lake County.....	138	138	1	1	8	6	28	20	67	49	34	25			
Marion County.....	274	274	5	2	9	3	51	20	111	41	94	34	1	(*)	
Monroe County.....	18	18					4		7		6				
Montgomery County.....	8	8			1		2		2		8				
Steuben County.....	5	4	1						1		2				1
Vermillion County.....	35	35			3		9		12		11				
Wayne County.....	10	10					4		4		2				
Minnesota:															
Iowa: Polk County.....	144	144	16	11	15	10	21	15	50	35	41	28	1	1	
Minnepin County.....	224	223	2	1	6	3	22	10	106	48	86	39	1	(*)	1
Ramsey County.....	77	76			1	1	9	12	22	29	44	58			1
St. Louis County.....	46	46	1		4		10		17		14				
Ohio:															
Aughize County.....	5	5					1		2		2				
Clark County.....	91	88	4	5	4	5	9	10	36	41	34	39	1	1	3
Cuyahoga County.....	396	390	13	3	20	5	57	15	158	41	141	36	1	(*)	6
Franklin County.....	198	194			6	3	33	17	77	40	78	40			4
Lake County.....	9	8	2				1		2		3				1
Mahoning County.....	262	251	10	4	8	3	44	18	93	37	96	38	2		11
Montgomery County.....	179	178	9	5	9	5	27	15	68	38	65	37			1
Sandusky County.....	20	20			4		3		7		6				
Utah:															
First district.....	48	47	2		2		11		19		13				1
Second district.....	28	27	2		3		4		11		7				1
Third district.....	98	98	2	2	2	2	13	13	37	38	42	43	2	2	
Fourth district.....	45	45			1		4		21		17				
Fifth district.....	27	27	3		3		5		10		6				
Other counties.....	23	27	1		1		3		13		9				2
Virginia:															
Lynchburg.....	30	29	1		8		10		3		7				1
Norfolk.....	137	137	3	2	7	5	22	16	47	34	58	42			
Roanoke County.....	2	2							1		1				1
Washington: Pierce County.....	50	50					7		8		15				

* Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE IIB.—*Method of dealing with first case disposed of during the year for delinquent boys and girls under 10 years of age dealt with by 62 specified courts during 1928*¹

Court	Children dealt with in delinquency cases for whom age was reported								
	Total	Under 10 years of age							
		Total	Per cent ²	Method of dealing with case					
				Official			Unofficial		
				Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls
Total.....	34,359	2,330	7	1,382	1,273	109	948	835	113
Connecticut:									
Bridgeport.....	409	40	10	32	29	3	8	5	3
Hartford.....	537	76	14	62	62		14	14	
District of Columbia.....	1,723	130	8	44	39	5	86	69	17
Indiana:									
Clark County.....	9								
Clay County.....	26								
Lake County.....	429	25	6	14	13	1	11	11	
Marion County.....	716	32	4	24	23	1	8	4	4
Monroe County.....	37	1		1	1				
Montgomery County.....	17	3		1	1		2	2	
Steuben County.....	27	4		1	1		3	2	1
Vermillion County.....	85	2					2	2	
Wayne County.....	28								
Iowa: Polk County.....	671	80	12	11	10	1	69	54	15
Louisiana:									
Caddo Parish.....	209	14	7	6	6		8	8	
Ouachita Parish.....	234	42	18	4	4		38	35	3
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	1,014	40	4	40	38	2			
Ramsey County.....	357	7	2	7	7				
St. Louis County (southern part).....	271	24	9	11	11		13	12	1
New Jersey:									
Hudson County.....	1,523	130	9	130	114	16			
Mercer County.....	248	27	11	27	27				
New York:									
Buffalo.....	821	48	6	48	46	2			
Chemung County.....	96	13	14	13	12	1			
Clinton County.....	25								
Columbia County.....	61	8	13	8	8				
Delaware County.....	10	1		1	1				
Erie County.....	192	15	8	15	14	1			
Franklin County.....	42	1		1	1				
Monroe County.....	221	3	1	3	3				
New York City.....	6,818	359	5	359	333	26			
Ontario County.....	99	10	10	10	10				
Orange County.....	23	1		1	1				
Orleans County.....	10	2		2	2				
Westchester County.....	853	59	7	13	12	1	46	40	6
North Carolina:									
Buncombe County.....	101	10	10				10	9	1
Winston-Salem.....	295	41	14	41	30	11			
Ohio:									
Auglaize County.....	28	2		2	2				
Clark County.....	349	17	5	4	3	1	13	10	3
Cuyahoga County.....	2,385	149	6	40	37	3	109	99	10
Franklin County.....	682	14	2	14	14				
Hamilton County.....	976	54	6	3	3		51	51	
Lake County.....	54	10	19	3	3	2	5	5	
Mahoning County.....	1,503	102	7	2	2		100	90	10
Montgomery County.....	486	25	5	8	4	4	17	12	5
Sandusky County.....	49	2					2	2	
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County.....	1,073	71	7	71	69	2			
Berks County.....	99	6	6	6	6				
Lycoming County.....	12	1		1	1	1			
Montgomery County.....	61	1	2	1	1				
Philadelphia.....	4,986	429	9	198	183	15	231	206	25
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	94	13	14	12	10	2	1	1	1
Texas: Orange County.....	9	1					1	1	

¹ Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.² Not shown where number of children is less than 50.

TABLE II B.—*Method of dealing with first case disposed of during the year for delinquent boys and girls under 10 years of age dealt with by 62 specified courts during 1928*—Continued

Court	Children dealt with in delinquency cases for whom age was reported								
	Total	Under 10 years of age							
		Total	Per cent	Method of dealing with case					
				Official			Unofficial		
				Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls
Utah:									
First district.....	302	19	6	3	3	-----	16	14	2
Second district.....	278	29	10	11	9	2	18	18	-----
Third district.....	702	20	3	3	2	1	17	16	1
Fourth district.....	286	26	9	2	2	-----	24	22	2
Fifth district.....	389	43	11	19	19	-----	24	21	3
Carbon County.....	90	7	8	7	7	-----	-----	-----	-----
Other counties.....	213	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	-----
Virginia:									
Lynchburg.....	249	8	3	8	7	1	-----	-----	-----
Norfolk.....	610	26	4	26	23	3	-----	-----	-----
Roanoke County.....	11	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Washington: Pierce County.....	146	4	3	4	4	-----	-----	-----	-----

TABLE IIIA.—Color and nativity of boys dealt with in delinquency cases by 62 specified courts during 1928

Court	Boys dealt with in delinquency cases											
	Total						Color reported					
	White						Colored					
	Native, native parentage		Native, foreign or mixed parentage		Native, parentage not reported		Foreign born		Nativity not reported		Color not re- ported	
	Number	Per cent ¹	Number	Per cent ¹	Number	Per cent ¹	Number	Per cent ¹	Number	Per cent ¹	Number	Per cent ¹
Total.....	29,151	29,111	8,334	31	11,226	39	1,112	4	534	2	2,814	10
Connecticut:												
Bridgeport.....	341		73	21	262	77					5	1
Hartford.....	477		117	25	296	62			1	(?)	61	13
District of Columbia.....	1,457		133	11	57	4	4	(?)	3		813	56
Indiana:												
Clark County.....	5		4								1	
Clay County.....	18		16									
Lake County.....	291		59	20	164	56	4	1	27	9	37	13
Marion County.....	442		280	63	8	2			27	6	127	29
Monroe County.....	19		15		2						2	
Montgomery County.....	9		5						4			
Steuben County.....	25		25									
Vermillion County.....	50		42	84	8	16						
Wayne County.....	18		14								4	
Iowa: Polk County.....	528		434	82	42	8					52	10
Louisiana:												
Caddo Parish.....	187		102	55	2	1	1	1				
Ouachita Parish.....	198		135	68	12	6			82	41	51	26
Minnesota:												
Hennepin County.....	794		391	49	356	45	3	(?)	9	1	26	3
Ramsey County.....	283		171	60	105	37	1	(?)			6	2
St. Louis County (southern part).....	227		68	30	139	61	8		2	1	10	4
New Jersey:												
Hudson County.....	1,300		255	20	921	71	8	1	50	4	63	5
Mercer County.....	229		42	18	155	68	1	(?)	5	2	26	11
New York:												
Buffalo.....	761		162	21	547	72					26	3
Chemung County.....	86		37	53	3	43	1	1			2	2
Clinton County.....	14		10						1		1	

Columbia County.....	47	47	20	23					1		1		2		
Delaware County.....	8	8	8												
Erie County.....	176	176	46	124	26	70			4	2			2		1
Franklin County.....	37	37				37									
Monroe County.....	171	171	55	110	32	64			5	3			1		
New York City.....	5,924	5,924	24	3,705	24	63			222	4		(?)	539	9	7
Ontario County.....	82	82	30	47	37	57			1				4	5	
Orange County.....	31	31	23	7									1		
Orleans County.....	12	12	3	9											
Westchester County.....	715	715	126	468	18	65			21	3	25	3	69	10	
North Carolina:															
Buncombe County.....	92	92	44	48									48	52	
Winston-Salem.....	235	235	49	21									186	79	
Ohio:															
Auglaize County.....	23	23	21	1											
Clark County.....	274	274	191	70											
Cuyahoga County.....	2,087	2,087	225	916	11	44									
Franklin County.....	491	491	67	34	7	7			4	1			74	27	
Hamilton County.....	981	981	416	26	42	3			(?)				212	10	25
Lake County.....	58	58	20	34	2	3			33	(?)			120	24	
Mahoning County.....	1,295	1,295	76	473	6	12			1	(?)			216	22	
Montgomery County.....	309	309	206	31	37	3			28	2	547	42	152	12	
Sandusky County.....	29	29	26	2	67	10			2	1	2	1	67	22	1
Pennsylvania:															
Allegheny County.....	892	892	203	558	23	63			8	1			123	14	
Berks County.....	76	76	34	45	45	53			1	1			1	1	
Lycoming County.....	6	6	6	40											
Montgomery County.....	50	50	27	20	54	40									
Philadelphia.....	4,371	4,368	599	1,145	14	26			71	2	1,553	36	982	22	3
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	79	79	50	63		1							28	33	
Texas: Orange County.....	9	9	3	3											
Utah:															
First District.....	256	256	220	27	86	11			2	1			4	2	
Second district.....	251	251	183	54	73	22			2	2			3	1	
Third district.....	607	605	376	204	62	34			2	(?)			1	(?)	
Fourth district.....	241	240	234	98	5	2									
Fifth district.....	365	365	100												
Carbon County.....	90	90	58	30	64	33			2	2					
Other counties.....	195	194	187	5	96	3			1	1					
Virginia:															
Lynchburg.....	221	221	117	53	4	2							100	45	
Norfolk.....	473	473	211	45	14	3							248	52	
Roanoke County.....	10	10	9												
Washington: Pierce County.....	116	116	97	84		13			1				3	3	

¹ Not shown where number of boys is less than 50. ² Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE IV.—Source of complaint in delinquency cases dealt with by 62 specified courts during 1928

Court	Total	Source of complaint reported												Source of complaint not reported		
		Delinquency cases														
		Source of complaint reported														
		Police		Parents or relatives		Other individual		School department		Probation officer		Social agency			Other source	
	Total	Num-ber	Per-cent 1	Num-ber	Per-cent 1	Num-ber	Per-cent 1	Num-ber	Per-cent 1	Num-ber	Per-cent 1	Num-ber	Per-cent 1	Num-ber	Per-cent 1	
Total	38,882	21,829	56	3,639	9	5,606	14	4,186	11	2,194	6	833	2	511	1	84
Connecticut:																
Bridgeport	431	341	79	28	7	39	9	7	2	9	2	4	1	2	(2)	1
Hartford	552	462	84	37	7	2	(2)	41	7	6	1	4	1			
District of Columbia	2,004	1,355	68	210	10	231	12	3	(3)	195	10	6	(2)	2	(2)	2
Indiana:																
Clark County	9	4		3						2						
Clay County	26	9				2		4		9				2		
Lake County	454	159	35	41	9	54	12	79	17	118	26			1	(3)	2
Marion County	822	477	58	113	14	69	8	139	17	15	2	8	1	1	(3)	5
Monroe County	41	24		7		1		2		2						4
Montgomery County	17	13		2												
Steuken County	30	2		4		14		5		4		1				
Vermillion County	89	59	66	9	10	6	7	14	16			1	1			
Wayne County	30	11		5												
Iowa: Polk County	753	267	35	62	8	241	32	97	13	19	3	10	1	57	8	
Louisiana:																
Caddo Parish	232	67	29	18	8	38	17	10	4	92	40	3	1	1	(2)	3
Ouachita Parish	257	73	28	27	11	99	39	37	14	15	6	1	(4)	5	2	
Minnesota:																
Hennepin County	1,148	627	55	174	15	151	13	106	9	22	2	39	3	29	3	1
Ramsey County	375	243	65	14	4	105	28	1	(2)	1	(2)	7	2	4	1	
St. Louis County (southern part)	291	99	34	22	8	119	41	45	15	1	(2)	5	2			
New Jersey:																
Hudson County	1,850	512	28	124	7	429	23	594	32	25	1	17	1	147	8	2
Mercer County	294	245	83	6	2	16	5	11	4	15	5	1				
New York:																
Buffalo	938	889	95	26	3	5	1	3	(2)	10	1	4	(2)			1
Chemung County	124	45	36	6	5	21	17	34	27	11	9	7	6	1		
Clermont County	25	12		3		1		6				2				
Columbia County	65	11	17	7	11	34	52	9	14			4	6			
Delaware County	10	5		2		3										

Erie County.....	197	197	92	47	9	5	75	38	9	1	5	12	6	1	1
Franklin County.....	44	43	33	55	22	10	34	15	6	3	3	30	18	1	1
Monroe County.....	222	222	121	60	1,055	15	1,312	18	193	3	3	263	4	10	(?)
New York City.....	7,204	7,188	4,344	66	2	3	9	9	4	4	4	15	3	25	16
Ontario County.....	100	100	66	66	2	2	4	4	2	2	2	3	3	2	2
Orange County.....	33	33	2	2	2	2	4	4	2	2	2	3	3	2	2
Orleans County.....	13	13	6	36	65	7	190	21	257	29	2	50	6	2	(?)
Westchester County.....	888	887	321	71	7	7	12	11	11	10	4	1	1	1	1
North Carolina:															
Buncombe County.....	106	106	75	24	24	7	132	38	102	30	4	1	1	1	1
Winston-Salem.....	343	343	81	24	24	7	132	38	102	30	4	1	1	1	1
Ohio:															
Auglaize County.....	28	28	1	52	26	4	23	6	5	5	18	7	2	2	2
Clark County.....	395	394	204	55	188	7	428	16	107	27	26	71	3	3	3
Cuyahoga County.....	2,636	2,635	1,451	54	79	10	62	8	115	15	54	2	2	2	2
Franklin County.....	763	756	408	64	40	4	124	11	53	5	11	1	1	1	1
Hamilton County.....	1,097	1,097	816	74	40	4	124	11	53	5	11	1	1	1	1
Lake County.....	1,67	67	21	31	2	3	11	16	23	34	10	15	3	3	3
Mahoning County.....	1,854	1,853	799	43	142	8	428	23	406	22	13	1	1	1	1
Montgomery County.....	534	534	121	23	97	18	67	13	165	31	68	13	3	3	3
Sandusky County.....	49	49	24	23	7	7	6	6	8	8	3	1	1	1	1
Pennsylvania:															
Allegheny County.....	1,243	1,236	319	26	149	12	14	1	61	5	668	54	2	2	2
Berks County.....	103	103	61	59	12	12	11	11	10	10	1	1	2	2	2
Lycoming County.....	13	13	3	68	8	12	2	3	6	6	3	4	1	1	1
Montgomery County.....	65	65	44	59	8	8	554	9	370	6	3	43	1	1	1
Philadelphia.....	6,200	6,199	4,655	75	16	15	17	16	2	2	12	11	3	3	3
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	105	105	55	52	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Texas: Orange County.....	9	8	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Utah:															
First district.....	347	343	69	20	20	6	1	(?)	72	21	173	50	8	2	2
Second district.....	318	314	133	42	17	5	84	27	27	9	26	8	7	2	2
Third district.....	825	824	461	56	35	4	41	5	234	28	34	4	13	2	2
Fourth district.....	308	304	97	32	58	19	45	15	31	10	40	13	19	6	6
Fifth district.....	453	449	60	13	12	3	32	7	67	15	251	56	14	5	5
Carbon County.....	97	95	41	43	2	2	47	49	1	1	1	1	4	4	4
Other counties.....	241	238	83	35	11	5	23	10	47	20	71	30	3	3	3
Virginia:															
Lynchburg.....	279	275	199	72	8	3	17	6	44	16	5	2	1	1	1
Norfolk.....	669	669	437	65	51	8	108	16	21	3	43	6	3	3	3
Roanoke County.....	12	12	9	73	4	3	1	1	13	8	2	1	2	2	2
Washington: Pierce County.....	154	154	112	73	4	3	1	1	13	8	2	1	20	20	13

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2 Less than 1 per cent.

Erie County.....	197	135	69	3	2	2	1	45	23			12	6				
Franklin County.....	44	44															
Monroe County.....	222	124	56	1	(5)	93	42	2	1					2	4	1	
New York City.....	7, 143	3, 610	51	5	(5)			3, 423	48			101	1	4		(5)	61
Ontario County.....	100	99	82	83		8	8	1	1				4				1
Orange County.....	33	32															
Orleans County.....	13	2															11
Westchester County.....	888	635	72	3	(5)				68	8	4	(5)	16	34	4		
North Carolina:																	
Buncombe County.....	106	92	88	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	7	7					1
Winston-Salem.....	343	334	99		4												5
Ohio:																	
Auglaize County.....	28	11				10			1	2	1	(5)	5	1			
Clark County.....	395	224	57			161	41	7	7	(5)	37	20	2	1		(5)	4
Cuyahoga County.....	2, 636	1, 394	61	3	(5)	990	38	4	4	1	151	2	13	1	2		5
Franklin County.....	763	239	32			351	46	4	1	(5)	17	2	3		2	(5)	1
Hamilton County.....	1, 096	350	32			723	66	1			3	4	1				
Lake County.....	67	60	90			3	4				275	15	1		18	1	20
Mahoning County.....	1, 834	995	54	4	(5)	533	29	8	(5)	3	43	8		5	(5)	4	
Montgomery County.....	1, 534	307	58	1	(5)	158	30	16	3		2			1			
Sandusky County.....	49	29				17											
Pennsylvania:																	
Allegheny County.....	1, 243	272	25	2	(5)	808	74	3	(5)	2	(5)			1	(5)		155
Berks County.....	103	75	73	1	1	27	26										
Lycoming County.....	13	7		4		1		1									
Montgomery County.....	65	14	22			50	77	1	2								
Philadelphia.....	6, 200	2, 356	38	3	(5)	3, 814	62	7	(5)	2	(5)			1	1		18
South Carolina, Greenville County.....	105	69	66	1	1	3	3				31	30					3
Texas: Orange County.....	9	6															
Utah:																	
First district.....	347	339	98	4	1	3	1				1	(5)		1	(5)		
Second district.....	318	275	86	8	3						34	11		2	(5)		
Third district.....	825	337	48	1	(5)	299	36	3	(5)	123	15			5	2		7
Fourth district.....	308	301	273					4	1	19	6			2	(5)		
Fifth district.....	453	449	99	2	(5)					3	3			3			
Carbon County.....	97	92	95	2	2					(5)	5	2		3	1		5
Other counties.....	241	218	92	7	3	2	1	1	(5)								
Virginia:																	
Lynchburg.....	279	246	88	1	(5)			4	1	27	10			1	(5)		
Norfolk.....	669	324	48	2	(5)	253	38	1	(5)	87	13			2	(5)		
Roanoke County.....	12	3				9											
Washington: Pierce County.....	154	60	39			74	48	1	1	19	12						

¹ Includes cases of children cared for part of the time in detention homes and part of the time elsewhere, but excludes cases of children also held in jails or police stations.

² Includes cases of children cared for part of the time in jails or police stations and part of the time elsewhere.

³ Excludes cases of children cared for part of the time in jails or police stations or detention homes and part of the time elsewhere.

⁴ Not shown where number of cases is less than 50.

⁵ Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE VIA.—Charge in boys' delinquency cases dealt with by 62 specified courts during 1928

Court	Boys' delinquency cases																			
	Total	Charge reported																		
		Stealing or attempted stealing ¹		Truancy		Running away		Ungovernable or beyond parental control		Sex offense		Injury or attempted injury to person		Act of carelessness or mischief		Violating liquor or drug law, or intoxication		Other charge		Charge not reported
		Num-ber	Per-cent ²	Num-ber	Per-cent ²	Num-ber	Per-cent ²	Num-ber	Per-cent ²	Num-ber	Per-cent ²	Num-ber	Per-cent ²	Num-ber	Per-cent ²	Num-ber	Per-cent ²	Num-ber	Per-cent ²	
32,822	14,064	43	2,880	9	2,005	6	2,274	7	564	2	922	3	9,146	28	340	1	472	1	155	
Total.....	32,822	14,064	43	2,880	9	2,005	6	2,274	7	564	2	922	3	9,146	28	340	1	472	1	155
Connecticut:																				
Bridgeport.....	354	137	39	28	8	19	5	20	6	5	1	6	2	139	39					
Hartford.....	491	192	39	26	5	28	6	36	7	5	1	12	2	192	39					
District of Columbia.....	1,692	715	42	40	2	21	1	160	9	14	1	47	3	663	39	7	(³)	25	1	
Indiana:																				
Clark County.....	5	4						1												
Clay County.....	18	13		2						1		1		1						
Lake County.....	306	181	59	47	15	23	8	32	10	7	2	2	1	14	5					
Marion County.....	534	284	53	86	16	3	1	60	11	8	1	20	4	68	13	1	(³)	4	1	
Monroe County.....	22	19				2								3		3				3
Montgomery County.....	9	5				3		1												
Steuben County.....	25	6				3								7						
Vermillion County.....	53	21	40			5	9	1	2	3	6	1	2	20	38	2	4			
Wayne County.....	20	7		10		2		1												
Iowa: Polk County.....	590	218	37	23	4	24	4	68	12	9	2	13	2	221	37	11	2	3	1	
Louisiana:																				
Caddo Parish.....	194	55	28	5	3	19	10	7	4	3	2	6	3	93	48	6	3			
Ouachita Parish.....	221	77	35	31	14	19	9	9	4	4	2	12	5	56	25	8	4	5	2	
Minnesota:																				
Hennepin County.....	895	454	51	53	6	5	1	103	12	34	4	16	2	202	23	13	1	15	2	1
Ramsey County.....	298	188	63			6	2	24	8	7	2	12	4	54	18	2	1	5	2	
St. Louis County (southern part).....	242	94	39	28	12	3	1	9	4	2	1	10	4	93	38	2	1	1	(³)	
New Jersey:																				
Hudson County.....	1,588	508	32	434	27	8	1	157	10	13	1	50	3	416	26			2	(³)	
Mercer County.....	272	229	84	11	4	2	1	8	3	4	1	5	2	13	5					
New York:																				
Buffalo.....	870	580	67			42	5	59	7	7	1	15	2	166	19			1	(³)	
Chemung County.....	96	48	50	23	24	2	2	4	4			1	1	18	19					

Clinton County	14	7	3	2	1	18	2	4	1	12	11	22					
Columbia County	50	14	28	5	10	6	3	6	1	9	1	22					
Delaware County	8	8															
Eric County	181	90	50				2	1	2	8	57	31	13	7			
Franklin County	38	23					2		1	1	2	3	1				
Monroe County	172	120	70	1	1	4	7	4	3	2	33	19					
New York City	6,255	2,486	41	88	1	525	9	503	207	3	2,156	35	5	(3)			
Ontario County	83	56	67	3	4	4	5	6	4	8	10						142
Orange County	31	23		1					2								
Oreanus County	12	10															
Westchester County	743	219	29	154	21	12	2	64	19	3	265	36	1	(3)	2	(3)	
North Carolina:																	
Buncombe County	92	54	59	7	8	5	5	1	10	11	11	12	4	4			
Winston-Salem	274	118	43	78	28	1	(3)	7	9	3	56	20	2	1	3	1	
Ohio:																	
Auglaize County	23						1										
Clark County	23	120	41	62	21	20	7	13	8	3	59	20	3	1	(3)		
Clark County	294																
Cuyahoga County	2,235	1,135	51	302	14	130	6	124	2	61	3	427	19	3	(3)	4	(3)
Franklin County	550	339	62	81	15	19	3	19	3	54	10	2	27	5	1	3	1
Hamilton County	1,097	449	41	43	4	145	13	26	2	28	3	327	30	14	38	3	
Lake County	58	14	24	9	16	1	2	4	7	1	2	5	9	17	29	7	12
Madison County	1,578	304	23	243	15	98	6	125	8	13	1	33	2	592	38	11	1
Montgomery County	1,345	102	30	116	34	30	9	24	7	19	6	24	7	23	7	6	2
Sandusky County	29	13		4		5		4									
Pennsylvania:																	
Allegheny County	1,083	624	61	163	16	54	5	81	8	15	1	20	2	63	6	1	(3)
Berk County	77	40	52	2	3	7	9	3	2	3	21	27					7
Lycoming County	6																
Montgomery County	54	46	85	1	2	1	2	1	2	4	3	6					
Philadelphia	5,411	2,099	39	318	6	587	11	332	125	2	1,710	32	12	(3)	139	3	
South Carolina:																	
Greenville County	86	43	50	15	17	7	8	7	1	5	6	7	2	2			2
Texas:																	
Orange County	9	7		2					1								
Utah:																	
First district	296	114	39	29	10	3	1	4	3	2	1	107	36	9	1	(3)	
Second district	289	128	44	11	4	8	3	8	3	16	6	33	12	4	3	1	
Third district	709	348	45	139	20	45	6	32	5	17	2	85	12	24	3	7	1
Fourth district	260	136	52	19	7	10	4	11	4	2	1	41	16	32	12	5	2
Fifth district	425	197	46	59	14			1	3	1	15	4	103	24	46	11	(3)
Carbon County	97	69	71					1	4	4		23	24	46	11	1	
Other counties	212	82	39	24	11	3	1	3	1	(3)	8	45	21	37	17		
Virginia:																	
Lynchburg	245	61	25	25	10			4	8	3	141	58	6	2			
Norfolk	523	171	33	15	3	29	6	56	11	7	1	45	9	178	34	17	3
Roanoke County	10	8				2											5
Washington: Pierce County	122	96	79	8	7				2	2	1	5	4			10	8

1 For detailed charges under this caption see Table VIC.

2 Not shown where number of cases is less than 50.

3 Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE VIb.—Charge in girls' delinquency cases dealt with by 59 specified courts during 1928¹

Court	Girls' delinquency cases																						
	Total	Charge reported																		Charge not re-ported			
		Total	Stealing or attempted stealing ²		Truancy		Running away		Ungovern-able or be-yond paren-tal control		Sex offense		Injury or attempted injury to person		Act of care-lessness or mischief		Violating liquor or drug law, or intoxication		Other charge				
			Num-ber	Per-cent ³	Num-ber	Per-cent ³	Num-ber	Per-cent ³	Num-ber	Per-cent ³	Num-ber	Per-cent ³	Num-ber	Per-cent ³	Num-ber	Per-cent ³	Num-ber	Per-cent ³	Num-ber		Per-cent ³	Num-ber	Per-cent ³
Total.....	6,060	6,021	727	12	752	12	908	15	1,713	28	1,158	19	152	3	479	8	65	1	67	1	39		
Connecticut:																							
Bridgeport.....	77	12	16	11	14	4	5	20	26	28	36	1	1	1	1	1							
Hartford.....	61	11	18	5	8	4	7	18	30	18	30	2	3	3	5	3							
District of Columbia.....	312	58	19	5	2	11	4	117	38	8	3	3	9	3	84	27	3	1	17	5			
Indiana:																							
Clark County.....	4	1				1				1							1						
Clay County.....	8			2																			
Lake County.....	148	8	5	15	10	15	10	15	10	91	61	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1				
Marion County.....	288	30	10	38	13	15	5	150	52	32	11	7	2	10	3	1	(1)	4	1	1	1		
Monroe County.....	19	18	1			5				11													
Montgomery County.....	8			2				4		2													
Steuben County.....	5	1		1		1		1		1													
Vermilion County.....	36	4				3		9		14					1		4		1				
Wayne County.....	10	10		2		3				4							1						
Iowa: Polk County.....	163	163	8	5	6	4	12	7	76	47	31	19			28	17	2	1					
Louisiana:																							
Caddo Parish.....	38	38	1		1		6		8		15		1		3		3						
Ourachita Parish.....	36	36	3		5		6		5		8		2		7								
Minnesota:																							
Hennepin County.....	253	53	21	20	8	2	1	84	33	77	30	2	1	9	4	3	1	3	1				
Ramsey County.....	77	77	8	10		12	16	20	26	37	48												
St. Louis County (southern part).....	49	49	14		9		1		11		5		3		4		1		1				
New Jersey:																							
Hudson County.....	262	262	9	3	118	45	4	2	68	26	42	16	14	5	5	2		2	1				
Mercer County.....	22	22	3		2		3		8		5		1										
New York:																							
Buffalo.....	68	68	36	53		14	21	10	15	4	6	1	1	1	1	1	2	3					
Chemung County.....	28	28	4		14		1		5		3		1										

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Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.

For detailed charges under this caption see Table VId.

³ Not shown where number of cases is less than 50.

^a Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE VIC.—Type of stealing charged in boys' delinquency cases dealt with by 62 specified courts during 1928

Court	Boys' delinquency cases in which charge was stealing or attempted stealing					
	Total	Type of stealing				
		Auto-mobile stealing	Burglary or unlawful entry	Robbery	Other type of stealing	Not reported
Total.....	14,064	1,831	4,239	698	4,729	2,567
Connecticut:						
Bridgeport.....	137	10	38		89	
Hartford.....	192		117		75	
District of Columbia.....	715	138	22	1	553	1
Indiana:						
Clark County.....	4	1				3
Clay County.....	13	3	3			7
Lake County.....	181	19	84	36	1	41
Marion County.....	284	50	92	7	133	2
Monroe County.....	11		1		1	9
Montgomery County.....	5		2			3
Steuben County.....	6	2	2			2
Vermillion County.....	21	1	10	7	2	1
Wayne County.....	7		5			2
Iowa: Polk County.....	218	38	44	6	4	126
Louisiana:						
Caddo Parish.....	55	7	9			39
Ouachita Parish.....	77	3	26	10	26	12
Minnesota:						
Hennepin County.....	454	112	116	7	218	1
Ramsey County.....	188	27	68	11	81	1
St. Louis County (southern part).....	94	26	25		27	16
New Jersey:						
Hudson County.....	508	6	238		250	14
Mercer County.....	229	8	108	6	4	103
New York:						
Buffalo.....	580	43	200	16	288	33
Chemung County.....	48	1	8		39	
Clinton County.....	7				3	4
Columbia County.....	14		8	6		
Delaware County.....	8	3	3		2	
Erie County.....	90	3	25	5	57	
Franklin County.....	23		20		3	
Monroe County.....	120	16	39		53	12
New York City.....	2,486	181	921	196	134	1,054
Ontario County.....	56	3	43	1	1	8
Orange County.....	23	5	17		1	
Orleans County.....	10		4		1	5
Westchester County.....	219	39	39	2	139	
North Carolina:						
Buncombe County.....	54		1			53
Winston-Salem.....	118	16	44	1	43	14
Ohio:						
Auglaize County.....	6		4			2
Clark County.....	120	18	29	2	40	31
Cuyahoga County.....	1,135	266	411	40	190	228
Franklin County.....	339	97	64	12	163	3
Hamilton County.....	449	114	89	14	222	10
Lake County.....	14	1	11		2	
Mahoning County.....	364	69	160	13	122	
Montgomery County.....	102	16	63	21	1	1
Sandusky County.....	13	4	3			6
Pennsylvania:						
Allegheny County.....	624	45	143	23	103	310
Berks County.....	40	11	11		18	
Lycoming County.....	2					2
Montgomery County.....	46	3	12	8	22	1
Philadelphia.....	2,099	271	495	108	1,225	
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	43	2	8			33
Texas: Orange County.....	3					3
Utah:						
First district.....	114	15	16	4	29	50
Second district.....	128	10	31	1	59	27
Third district.....	348	62	104	62	19	101
Fourth district.....	136	9	55	29	17	26
Fifth district.....	197	10	16		167	4
Carbon County.....	69	2	11		4	52
Other counties.....	82	2	9	11	6	54
Virginia:						
Lynchburg.....	61	1	10	2		48
Norfolk.....	171	19	51	4	90	7
Roanoke County.....	8		4	4		
Washington: Pierce County.....	96	23	47	22	2	2

TABLE VI.D.—*Type of stealing charged in girls' delinquency cases dealt with by 45 specified courts during 1928*¹

Court	Girls' delinquency cases in which charge was stealing or attempted stealing					
	Total	Type of stealing				
		Auto-mobile stealing	Burglary or unlawful entry	Robbery	Other type of stealing	Not reported
Total.....	727	26	43	41	405	212
Connecticut:						
Bridgeport.....	12				12	
Hartford.....	11				11	
District of Columbia.....	58	2	1		55	
Indiana:						
Clark County.....	1					1
Lake County.....	8	1			1	5
Marion County.....	30	1	9	3	12	5
Monroe County.....	1					1
Steuben County.....	1					1
Vermillion County.....	4		1	2	1	
Iowa: Polk County.....	8	4				4
Louisiana:						
Caddo Parish.....	1					1
Ouachita Parish.....	3				2	1
Minnesota:						
Hennepin County.....	53	5			47	1
Ramsey County.....	8				8	
St. Louis County (southern part).....	14				6	8
New Jersey:						
Hudson County.....	9		1		8	
Mercer County.....	3		1		1	1
New York:						
Buffalo.....	36	1	2		28	5
Chemung County.....	4		2		2	
Columbia County.....	3			3		
Erie County.....	5				5	
Franklin County.....	1		1			
Monroe County.....	9				7	2
New York City.....	142	5	5	11	9	112
Westchester County.....	13				13	
North Carolina: Winston-Salem.....	14				12	2
Ohio:						
Clark County.....	7				2	5
Cuyahoga County.....	50	3	4	1	25	17
Franklin County.....	17			1	12	4
Mahoning County.....	26		6		13	7
Montgomery County.....	10			7	1	2
Sandusky County.....	2		1		1	
Pennsylvania:						
Allegheny County.....	27			1	10	16
Berks County.....	1				1	
Montgomery County.....	1				1	
Philadelphia.....	89	3	6	1	79	
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	3					3
Utah:						
Second district.....	1				1	
Third district.....	10	1	1	6		2
Fourth district.....	3		1	2		
Fifth district.....	7				7	
Other counties.....	7				5	2
Virginia:						
Lynchburg.....	4					4
Norfolk.....	7		1		6	
Washington: Pierce County.....	3			2	1	

¹ Only 45 of the 59 courts reporting girls' delinquency cases reported cases in which the charge was stealing.

TABLE VIIA.—Disposition in boys' official delinquency cases dealt with by 61 specified courts during 1928¹

Court	Boys' official delinquency cases													Disposition not reported
	Total	Disposition reported												
		Total	Dismissed or continued indefinitely		Child placed on probation		Child committed to institution		Restitution, fine, or costs		Other disposition			
			Number	Per cent ²	Number	Per cent ²	Number	Per cent ²	Number	Per cent ²	Number	Per cent ²		
Total.....	23, 399	23, 379	7, 046	30	10, 054	43	3, 241	14	1, 715	7	1, 323	6	20	
Connecticut:														
Bridgeport.....	265	265	98	37	130	49	26	10	4	2	7	3	---	
Hartford.....	390	390	157	40	218	56	13	3	---	---	2	1	---	
District of Columbia.....	1, 063	1, 063	221	21	489	46	32	3	13	1	308	29	---	
Indiana:														
Clark County.....	5	5	---	---	---	---	5	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Clay County.....	18	18	1	---	12	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Lake County.....	225	225	49	22	70	31	59	26	22	10	25	11	---	
Marion County.....	492	492	193	39	171	35	77	16	28	6	23	5	---	
Monroe County.....	16	16	---	---	12	---	3	---	1	---	---	---	---	
Montgomery County.....	5	5	---	---	3	---	1	---	---	---	1	---	---	
Steuben County.....	8	8	---	---	6	---	1	---	---	---	1	---	---	
Vermillion County.....	9	9	---	---	7	---	1	---	---	---	1	---	---	
Wayne County.....	7	7	---	---	1	---	5	---	---	---	1	---	---	
Iowa: Polk County.....	220	220	88	40	81	37	22	10	1	(³)	28	13	---	
Louisiana:														
Caddo Parish.....	88	88	39	44	10	11	17	19	11	13	11	13	---	
Ouachita Parish.....	62	62	9	15	30	48	15	24	1	2	7	11	---	
Minnesota:														
Hennepin County.....	896	896	273	30	433	48	177	20	2	(³)	11	1	---	
Ramsey County.....	298	298	18	6	235	79	35	12	---	---	10	3	---	
St. Louis County (southern part).....	142	142	38	27	21	15	18	13	41	29	24	17	---	
New Jersey:														
Hudson County.....	1, 588	1, 588	781	49	241	15	212	13	336	21	18	1	---	
Mercer County.....	272	272	5	2	225	83	42	15	---	---	---	---	---	
New York:														
Buffalo.....	870	870	499	57	170	20	124	14	77	9	---	---	---	
Chemung County.....	96	96	46	48	29	30	7	7	9	9	5	5	---	
Clinton County.....	6	6	3	---	2	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Columbia County.....	50	50	32	64	10	20	4	8	---	---	4	8	---	
Delaware County.....	8	8	---	---	3	---	2	---	2	---	1	---	---	
Erie County.....	181	181	54	30	103	57	23	13	---	---	1	1	---	
Franklin County.....	38	38	13	---	1	---	11	---	4	---	9	---	---	
Monroe County.....	172	172	1	1	149	87	21	12	---	---	1	1	---	
New York City.....	6, 255	6, 239	2, 656	43	2, 407	39	568	9	599	10	9	(³)	16	
Ontario County.....	83	83	15	18	62	75	6	7	---	---	---	---	---	
Orange County.....	30	30	15	---	1	---	13	---	1	---	---	---	---	
Orleans County.....	12	12	---	---	10	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Westchester County.....	436	436	135	31	206	47	61	14	14	3	20	5	---	
North Carolina: Winston-Salem.....	274	274	56	20	149	54	55	20	3	1	11	4	---	
Ohio:														
Auglaize County.....	21	21	4	---	15	---	1	---	---	---	1	---	---	
Clark County.....	130	130	36	28	43	33	20	15	17	13	14	11	---	
Cuyahoga County.....	1, 445	1, 444	134	9	576	40	383	27	24	2	327	23	1	
Franklin County.....	550	550	21	4	374	68	106	19	10	2	39	7	---	
Hamilton County.....	78	78	7	9	13	17	37	47	---	---	21	27	---	
Lake County.....	44	44	6	---	13	---	5	---	18	---	2	---	---	
Mahoning County.....	330	330	29	9	185	56	65	20	34	10	17	5	---	
Montgomery County.....	250	250	35	14	161	64	42	17	1	(³)	11	4	---	
Sandusky County.....	10	10	---	---	3	---	3	---	---	---	4	---	---	
Pennsylvania:														
Allegheny County.....	1, 033	1, 033	59	6	757	73	181	18	---	---	36	3	---	
Berks County.....	73	73	12	16	41	56	19	26	---	---	1	1	---	
Lycoming County.....	6	6	---	---	2	---	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Montgomery County.....	54	54	11	20	28	52	10	19	1	2	4	7	---	
Philadelphia.....	2, 843	2, 843	625	22	1, 572	55	411	14	31	1	204	7	---	

¹ Only 61 of the 62 courts reporting boys' delinquency cases reported official delinquency cases.² Not shown where number of cases is less than 50.³ Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE VIIA.—Disposition in boys' official delinquency cases dealt with by 61 specified courts during 1928—Continued

Court	Boys' official delinquency cases													Disposition not reported
	Total	Disposition reported												
		Total	Dismissed or continued indefinitely		Child placed on probation		Child committed to institution		Restitution, fine, or costs		Other disposition			
			Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent		
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	76	76	15	20	38	50	10	13	4	5	9	12	3	
Texas: Orange County.....	7	4			4									
Utah:														
First district.....	74	74	22	30			37	50	14	19	1	1		
Second district.....	174	174	58	33	44	25	13	7	58	33	1	1		
Third district.....	203	203	27	13	16	8	99	49	45	22	16	8		
Fourth district.....	39	39	28		1		10							
Fifth district.....	232	232	57	25	46	20	4	2	118	51	7	3		
Carbon County.....	85	85	3	4	73	86	5	6	2	2	2	2		
Other counties.....	162	162	38	23	30	19	11	7	78	48	5	3		
Virginia:														
Lynchburg.....	245	245	141	58	76	31	20	8	8	3				
Norfolk.....	523	523	163	31	193	37	34	7	83	16	50	10		
Roanoke County.....	10	10			6		4							
Washington: Pierce County..	122	122	20	16	47	39	43	35			12	10		

TABLE VII B.—Disposition in girls' official delinquency cases dealt with by 57 specified courts during 1928¹

Court	Girls' official delinquency cases													Disposition not reported
	Total	Disposition reported												
		Total	Dismissed or continued indefinitely		Child placed on probation		Child committed to institution		Restitution, fine, or costs		Other disposition			
			Number	Per cent ²	Number	Per cent ²	Number	Per cent ²	Number	Per cent ²	Number	Per cent ²		
Total.....	4, 486	4, 484	993	22	1, 860	41	1, 178	26	61	1	392	9	2	
Connecticut:														
Bridgeport.....	54	54	17	31	20	37	15	28	-----	-----	2	4		
Hartford.....	50	50	5	10	30	60	14	28	-----	-----	1	2		
District of Columbia:	202	202	18	9	97	48	22	11	-----	-----	65	32		
Indiana:														
Clark County.....	4	4	-----	-----	2	-----	4	-----	-----	-----	1	-----		
Clay County.....	7	7	1	-----	-----	2	3	-----	-----	-----	1	-----		
Lake County.....	127	127	31	24	33	26	36	28	2	2	25	20		
Marion County.....	113	113	34	30	53	47	20	18	-----	-----	6	5		
Monroe County.....	12	12	-----	-----	10	-----	2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----		
Montgomery County.....	3	3	-----	-----	-----	-----	2	-----	-----	-----	1	-----		
Vermillion County.....	3	3	1	-----	-----	-----	2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----		
Wayne County.....	6	6	-----	-----	4	-----	2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----		
Iowa: Polk County.....	73	73	21	29	15	21	33	45	-----	-----	4	5		

¹ Only 57 of the 59 courts reporting girls' delinquency cases reported girls' official delinquency cases.² Not shown where base is less than 50.

TABLE VII B.—Disposition in girls' official delinquency cases dealt with by 57 specified courts during 1928—Continued

		Girls' official delinquency cases											
• Court	Total	Disposition reported										Disposition not reported	
		Total	Dismissed or continued indefinitely		Child placed on probation		Child committed to institution		Restitution, fine, or costs		Other disposition		
			Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number		Per cent
Louisiana:													
Caddo Parish.....	23	23	3	---	1	---	15	---	1	---	3	---	---
Ouachita Parish.....	9	9			1		5				3		---
Minnesota:													
Hennepin County.....	253	253	43	17	130	51	78	31			2	1	---
Ramsey County.....	77	77	6	8	44	57	27	35					---
St. Louis County (southern part).....	20	20	1	---	3	---	12	---	1	---	3	---	---
New Jersey:													
Hudson County.....	262	262	130	50	44	17	54	21	21	8	13	5	---
Mercer County.....	22	22			8		14						---
New York:													
Buffalo.....	68	68	42	62	9	13	16	24			1	1	---
Chemung County.....	28	28	14	---	6	---	6	---	1	---	1	---	---
Clinton County.....	8	8	3	---	2	---	3	---					---
Columbia County.....	15	15	8	---		---	7	---					---
Delaware County.....	2	2		---	1	---	1	---					---
Erie County.....	16	16	4	---	8	---	3	---			1	---	---
Franklin County.....	6	6	2	---		---	4	---					---
Monroe County.....	50	50			21	42	29	58					---
New York City.....	949	947	258	27	480	51	200	21	3	(3)	6	1	2
Ontario County.....	17	17	4	---	8	---	5	---					---
Orange County.....	2	2	2	---		---		---					---
Orleans County.....	1	1		---	1	---		---					---
Westchester County.....	93	93	30	32	35	38	23	25			5	5	---
North Carolina: Winston-Salem.....	69	69	23	33	33	48	7	10			6	9	---
Ohio:													
Auglaize County.....	5	5	1	---	1	---	2	---			1	---	---
Clark County.....	26	26	9	---	6	---	7	---	1	---	3	---	---
Cuyahoga County.....	309	309	14	5	117	38	92	30			86	28	---
Franklin County.....	213	213	10	5	86	40	89	42	5	2	23	11	---
Lake County.....	7	7	1	---	1	---	3	---			2	---	---
Mahoning County.....	76	76	8	11	27	36	34	45			7	9	---
Montgomery County.....	90	90	23	26	35	39	26	29			6	7	---
Sandusky County.....	11	11	1	---	4	---	5	---			1	---	---
Pennsylvania:													
Allegheny County.....	210	210	4	2	124	59	66	31			16	8	---
Berks County.....	24	24	1	---	4	---	19	---					---
Lycoming County.....	7	7		---	5	---	2	---			2	---	---
Montgomery County.....	11	11	1	---		---	8	---					---
Philadelphia.....	528	528	119	23	270	51	76	14	7	1	56	11	---
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	10	10	2	---	3	---	2	---	1	---	2	---	---
Utah:													
First district.....	9	9	6	---		---	3	---					---
Second district.....	23	23	5	---	7	---	9	---			2	---	---
Third district.....	42	42	11	---		---	26	---			5	---	---
Fourth district.....	8	8	5	---		---	3	---					---
Fifth district.....	5	5	1	---	1	---		---	2	---	1	---	---
Other counties.....	18	18	4	---	1	---	2	---	8	---	3	---	---
Virginia:													
Lynchburg.....	34	34	24	---	8	---	2	---					---
Norfolk.....	142	142	37	26	58	41	12	8	8	6	27	19	---
Roanoke County.....	2	2		---		---	2	---					---
Washington: Pierce County.....	32	32	5	---	3	---	24	---					---

3 Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE VIII.—*Color and nativity of children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases by 53 specified courts during 1928*

Children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases															
Court	Color reported														
	Total	White										Colored			Color not re-ported
		Native, native percentage		Native, foreign or mixed parentage		Native, parentage not reported		Foreign born		Nativity not reported					
		Number	Per cent ¹	Number	Per cent ¹	Number	Per cent ¹	Number	Per cent ¹	Number	Per cent ¹	Number	Per cent ¹		
Total.....	15,825	15,819	7,852	50	4,923	31	207	1	157	1	466	3	2,214	14	6
Connecticut:															
Bridgeport.....	69	32	46	37	54										
Hartford.....	142	78	55	54	38								10	7	
District of Columbia.....	531	52	10	9	2	1	(²)		3	1	155	29	311	59	
Indiana:															
Clay County.....	16										16				
Jennings County.....	5	5													
Lake County.....	286	132	46	91	32	9	3		9	3	4	1	41	14	
Marion County.....	290	229	79	10	3	1	(²)		1	(²)	1	(²)	48	17	
Montgomery County.....	21	19									2				
Iowa: Polk County.....	581	490	84	8	1	1	(²)		1	(²)			81	14	
Louisiana:															
Caddo Parish.....	85	38	45	1	1	10	12				36	42	2	2	
Ouachita Parish.....	108	106	98												
Minnesota:															
Hennepin County.....	335	216	64	102	30	1	(²)				9	3	7	2	
Ramsey County.....	131	101	77	26	20	2					1		4	3	
St. Louis County (southern part).....	46	24		19											
New York:															
Buffalo.....	67	9	13	55	82								3	4	
Chemung County.....	114	106	93	8	7								1		
Clinton County.....	37	34						1			1		14	13	
Columbia County.....	112	112	60	54	37	33	1	1					2	2	
Erie County.....	83	41	49	40	48								3	3	
Franklin County.....	49	4		3		42									
Monroe County.....	239	136	57	95	40			1	(²)				7	3	

¹ Not shown where number of children is less than 50.² Less than 1 per cent.

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² Less than 1 per cent.

13	Orleans County	13	159	95	3	4	2	1	2	3	4	3	2	2	6
168	Westchester County	168	4	7	43	74	5	9	6	10	4				
58	North Carolina	58	4	7	43	74	5	9	6	10	4				
21	Rainbow County	21	15	10	10										
21	Winston-Salem	21	15	10	10										
21	Ohio	21	15	10	10										
52	Auglaize County	52	3	6	3										
512	Clark County	512	3	6	3										
513	Cuyahoga County	513	210	41	133	54	7	13	6	12	4	8	1	2	
349	Franklin County	349	51	15	161	32	35	7	39	8	27	5	12	2	
217	Hamilton County	217	113	52	40	46	27	8	16	5	89	28	3	1	
19	Lake County	19	3	1	1	17	8	4	2	2	7	3	3	1	
89	Maioning County	89	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	
303	Montgomery County	303	57	64	13	15	10	11	3	3	5	6	1	1	
24	Sandusky County	24	30	30	147	49	17	6	18	6	27	9	4	1	
424	Pennsylvania	424	90	6	6		4		2		3		5		
18	Allegheny County	18	43	72	17	16	4	9	2	135	32	7	2		
17	Berk County	17	11	1											
13	Lycoming County	13	8												
13	Montgomery County	13	4												
1,766	Philadelphia	1,766	473	27	1,116	63	124	7	2	(2)	21	1	22	1	
68	South Carolina	68	15	22	35	52	13	19	3	4			1	8	
1	Texas	1	1										1	1	
1	Utah	1	1												
1	First district	1	1												
77	Third district	77	39	51	22	29	3	4	6	8	6	8	1	1	
11	Fourth district	11	4	3	3				2	1	1				
3	Fifth district	3	3	3	3				1	1	1		1		
5	Other counties	5			1				4	4					
18	Virginia	18													
124	Lynchburg	124	1		2				2		13				
2	Norfolk	2	10	8	67	54	21	17	7	6	13	10	6	5	
2	Roanoke County	2	2		2				2		2				
48	Washington: Pierce County	48	11	15	15		3		4		11		2	2	

²Less than 1 per cent.

† Not shown where number of families is less than 50.

TABLE X.—Place of care pending hearing or disposition of dependency and neglect cases dealt with by 53 specified courts during 1928

Court	Total	Place of care reported													Place of care not reported		
		Place of care reported															
		Own home or case disposed of same day		Boarding home		Detention home ¹		Other institution		Jail or police station ²		More than one place of care ³		Other place of care			
		Num-ber	Per-cent ⁴	Num-ber	Per-cent ⁴	Num-ber	Per-cent ⁴	Num-ber	Per-cent ⁴	Num-ber	Per-cent ⁴	Num-ber	Per-cent ⁴	Num-ber		Per-cent ⁴	
Total	16,289	15,974	9,682	61	736	5	1,539	10	3,474	22	15	(⁵)	167	1	361	2	315
Connecticut:																	
Bridgeport	69	37	54		9	13			21	30			2	3	4	3	
Hartford	144	79	55		17	12	25	17	19	13					24	5	
District of Columbia	533	402	77		1	(⁵)	77	15	18	3			3	1			
Indiana:																	
Clay County	16	3					1										16
Jennings County	5	4															5
Lake County	290	166	58		41	14	45	16	26	9	1	(⁵)	1		5	2	1
Marion County	322	161	50		54	17	7	2	70	22			4	1	25	8	5
Montgomery County	21	11							3								1
Montgomery County	630	341	54		38	6	167	27	26	4			1	(⁵)	57	9	7
Iowa: Polk County																	
Louisiana:																	
Caddo Parish	85	47	63		5	7	15	20	5	7					3	4	10
Ouachita Parish	115	95	83		6	5			2	2	1	1			11	10	
Minnesota:																	
Hennepin County	336	237	71		57	17	2	1	38	11	1	(⁵)			3	2	1
Ramsey County	135	69	51		61	45	2	1							3		
St. Louis County (southern part)	47	9			17				18						3		
New York:																	
Buffalo	70	52	74		1	1	16	23	1	1							
Chemung County	115	105	91		4	3			3	3	1	1			2	2	1
Clinton County	37	36	21				8								4		
Columbia County	116	93	80		1	1			15	13					7	6	
Columbia County	83	53	64		7	8			17	20			6	7			
Erle County	83	53	64		7	8			1								
Franklin County	49	41													3		
Franklin County	239	92	38		11	5	136	57									
Monroe County	239	92	38		11	(⁵)											
New York City	3,617	1,342	37		9				2,192	61			31	1	8	(⁵)	35
Ontario County	84	62	74		9	11			7	8			4	5	2	2	

TABLE XI.—Charge on which families were referred in dependency and neglect cases dealt with by 53 specified courts during 1928

Families referred in dependency and neglect cases																		
Court	Total	Charge reported														Other charge		Charge not reported
		Abandonment or desertion		Abuse or cruel treatment		Improper conditions in home		Insufficient parental care		Financial need		Question of custody						
Total		Num-ber	Per-cent ¹	Num-ber	Per-cent ¹	Num-ber	Per-cent ¹	Num-ber	Per-cent ¹	Num-ber	Per-cent ¹	Num-ber	Per-cent ¹	Num-ber	Per-cent ¹			
	8,153	7,161	851	12	248	3	1,599	22	2,573	36	850	12	563	8	408	7	992	
Connecticut																		
Bridgeport.....	30																	
Hartford.....	70																	
District of Columbia.....	326	3	10		1		15		11		17	24	15	21				
Indiana:		13	4				38	12	242	79	7	2			5	2	21	
Clay County.....	6								6									
Jennings County.....	3						2		1									
Lake County.....	100	15	8		5	3	38	20	78	41	49	26	2	1	1	1	2	
Mariott County.....	174	45	26		4	2	50	29	63	36	3	2	8	5	1			
Montgomery County.....	12	12			1		6		1									
Iowa: Folk County.....	393	48	12		18	5	151	38	49	12	31	8	24	6	72	18		
Louisiana:																		
Caddo Parish.....	60	2	3		2	3	16	27	9	15	13	22	18	30				
Ouachita Parish.....	56	6	11		4	7	21	38	12	21	7	13	4	7	2	4		
Minnesota:																		
Hennepin County.....	163	13	8				47	29	45	28	1	1	57	35				
Ramsey County.....	69	5	7				4	6	42	61	17	25			1	1		
St. Louis County (southern part).....	34	10							19		1				4			
New York:																		
Buffalo.....	33				1		13		17		1				1			
Chester County.....	61	1	2		1	2	32	52	12	20	9	15	1	2	5	8		
Clinton County.....	16	1			1		8		5				1					
Columbia County.....	59	4	7		3	5	16	27	29	49			1	2	6	10		
Erie County.....	29	1			1		17		10									
Franklin County.....	23	1					15		7									
Monroe County.....	86						19	22	66	77	1	1						
New York City.....	1,757	16	2		24	3	274	35	420	53	52	7	2	(*)	2	(*)	96	
Ontario County.....	33	2					11		20									
Orange County.....	30	22							3		3				2			
Orleans County.....	13	1					7		2		3							
Westchester County.....	168	13	8		2	1	37	22	116	69								

North Carolina:	58	7	12	2	3	20	34	13	22	11	19	4	7	1	2	1
Buncombe County.....	21	3	---	---	---	6	---	6	---	---	---	3	---	---	---	---
Winston-Salem.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ohio:	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Auglaize County.....	21	1	---	---	---	6	---	10	---	4	---	---	6	2	4	---
Clark County.....	52	3	6	1	2	12	23	31	60	---	---	3	3	2	4	---
Cuyahoga County.....	513	47	9	37	7	19	4	279	54	96	19	14	3	21	4	---
Franklin County.....	350	22	6	4	1	74	21	142	41	48	14	49	14	11	3	---
Hamilton County.....	217	30	14	12	6	87	40	36	17	3	2	7	3	40	18	---
Lake County.....	19	19	---	---	---	9	---	7	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mahoning County.....	89	3	3	1	1	14	16	57	64	9	10	4	4	1	1	---
Montgomery County.....	303	26	9	7	2	55	18	91	30	28	9	52	17	43	14	1
Sandusky County.....	24	2	---	3	---	8	---	5	---	5	---	1	---	---	---	---
Pennsylvania:	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Allegheny County.....	424	97	23	25	6	115	27	148	35	25	6	2	(?)	11	3	---
Berks County.....	18	---	---	2	---	2	---	2	---	---	---	3	---	---	---	---
Lycoming County.....	13	2	---	1	---	10	---	4	---	---	---	---	---	4	---	---
Montgomery County.....	13	1	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Philadelphia.....	1,766	312	18	68	4	176	10	360	20	383	22	245	14	222	13	---
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	68	7	10	5	7	11	16	15	22	8	12	18	26	4	6	---
Texas: Orange County.....	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Utah:	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
First district.....	1	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Third district.....	77	23	38	3	4	21	27	19	25	3	4	1	1	1	1	---
Fourth district.....	11	3	---	1	---	1	---	6	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fifth district.....	3	1	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---
Other counties.....	5	2	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Virginia:	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lynchburg.....	18	4	---	3	---	4	---	7	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Norfolk.....	124	4	3	3	2	69	56	29	23	3	2	16	13	---	---	---
Roanoke County.....	2	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Washington: Pierce County.....	48	14	---	1	---	4	---	11	---	7	---	7	---	4	---	---

2 Less than 1 per cent.

1 Not shown where number of families is less than 50.

TABLE XII.—Disposition in official dependency and neglect cases dealt with by 53 specified courts during 1928

Official dependency and neglect cases															
Court	Total	Disposition reported													
		Dismissed or continued indefinitely		Child placed under court supervision		Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer		Child committed to board, department, or agency		Child committed to institution		Other disposition		Disposition not reported	
		Number	Per cent ¹	Number	Per cent ¹	Number	Per cent ¹	Number	Per cent ¹	Number	Per cent ¹	Number	Per cent ¹		
Total.....	13,464	13,463	2,718	20	3,111	23	999	7	3,551	26	2,947	22	137	1	1
Connecticut:															
Bridgeport.....	56	22	39		2	4			1	2	31	55			
Hartford.....	142	34	24	1	1	1	3	2	36	25	63	44	5	4	
District of Columbia.....	533	77	14	3	18	3	3	1	427	80	8	2			
Indiana:															
Clay County.....	16						1				15				
Jennings County.....	5						4				1				
Lake County.....	247	33	13	8	19	3	68	28	58	23	65	26	15	6	
Marion County.....	322	5	2	19	6	3	10	3	93	29	187	58	8	2	
Montgomery County.....	11	5							1		5				
Iowa: Polk County.....	269	89	33	4		1	54	20	11	4	103	38	8	3	
Louisiana:															
Caddo Parish.....	61	9	15				14	23	4	7	25	41	9	15	
Ouachita Parish.....	29			9					6		11		3		
Minnesota:															
Hennepin County.....	336	139	41				14	4	162	48	21	6			
Ramsey County.....	135	8	6	91	67	3	4	3	26	19	3	2		2	
St. Louis County (southern part).....	46	6							7		33				
New York:															
Buffalo.....	70	2	3	1	1	1			50	71	17	24			
Chemung County.....	115	81	70	2	2	2	8	7			22	19	2	2	
Clinton County.....	27			10					4		13				
Columbia County.....	113	71	63	20	18		2	2	1	1	18	16	1	1	
Erie County.....	83	26	31				2	2	55	66					
Franklin County.....	49	32		3					10		1		3		
Monroe County.....	239	3	1	93	39				53	22	90	38			
New York City.....	3,617	995	28	1,484	41		8	(?)	7	(?)	1,115	31	7	(?)	1
Ontario County.....	84	14	17	45	54		9	11	1	1	15	18			
Orange County.....	33	28							5						

Orleans County.....	37	37	9	18	1	7	7	55	2	2	7	2	2
Westchester County.....	365	365	131	36	24	7	201	2	9	9	201	2	2
North Carolina:													
Buncombe County.....	33	33	1		17		1		12	4		4	
Winston-Salem.....	26	26	1		15				6	3		3	
Ohio:													
Auglaize County.....	43	43	2		5		26		8				
Clark County.....	87	87	5	6	1	1	1	8	68	1	1	1	1
Cuyahoga County.....	925	925	214	23	75	8	427	46	12	6	1	1	1
Franklin County.....	613	613	42	7	236	38	83	14	172	28	21	3	3
Hamilton County.....	216	216	14	6	3	1	197	91	2	1			
Lake County.....	37	37	6		3		22						
Mahoning County.....	138	138	23	18	9	7	19	14	84	01	1	1	1
Montgomery County.....	353	353	63	18	42	12	80	23	147	42	8	2	2
Sandusky County.....	27	27					4		6				
Pennsylvania:													
Allegheny County.....	1,018	1,018	30	3	26	3	426	42	70	7	4	(?)	(?)
Berk County.....	31	31	1		1		20		5				
Lycoming County.....	25	25	2				7		7				
Montgomery County.....	34	34	1		15		3		3				
Philadelphia.....	2,283	2,283	340	15	207	9	969	42	339	15	5	(?)	(?)
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	66	66	17	26	10	15	1	2	11	17			
Texas: Orange County.....	3	3			3								
Utah:													
First district.....	1	1							1				
Third district.....	122	122	4	3	16	13			82	67	8	7	7
Fourth district.....	3	3					1		2				
Fifth district.....	7	7			7								
Other counties.....	1	1			1								
Virginia:													
Lynchburg.....	30	30			16								
Norfolk.....	224	224	94	42	55	25	23	10	14	4	9	4	4
Roanoke County.....	8	8			2				1				
Washington: Pierce County.....	70	70	38	54	5	7	9	13	12	17			

1 Not shown where number of cases is less than 50.

2 Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE XIII.—Number of cases of delinquent children placed on probation and number discharged from probation by 45 specified courts during 1928 ¹

Court	Cases of delinquent children			
	Official		Unofficial	
	Placed on probation	Discharged from probation	Placed on probation	Discharged from probation
Total.....	10,301	7,872	1,055	621
Connecticut:				
Bridgeport.....	150	136		
Hartford.....	248	237	4	6
District of Columbia.....	586	530	18	2
Indiana:				
Adams County.....		8		
Jennings County.....		5		
Lake County.....	103	37	19	10
Marion County.....	224	211	70	72
Monroe County.....	22	7	8	2
Montgomery County.....	3	2	9	2
Steuken County.....	6	6	22	22
Vermillion County.....	7	6	63	49
Louisiana:				
Caddo Parish.....	11	2	22	10
Ouachita Parish.....	31	18	19	9
Minnesota:				
Hennepin County.....	563	500		
Ramsey County.....	279	229		
St. Louis County (southern part).....	24	10	7	
Missouri: Jackson County.....		283		34
New Jersey:				
Hudson County.....	285	229		5
Mercer County.....	233	94		
New York:				
Buffalo.....	179	158		
Clinton County.....	4	7	8	4
Columbia County.....	10	11		
Erie County.....	111	81		
Monroe County.....	170	17		
New York City.....	2,887	1,756		
Orleans County.....	11	4		
Westchester County.....	241	451	113	86
Ohio:				
Clark County.....	49	21	18	
Cuyahoga County.....	693	212	13	
Franklin County.....	460	374		
Hamilton County.....	13	7	286	250
Lake County.....	14	9		
Mahoning County.....	212	125	12	12
Sandusky County.....	7	12	4	
Pennsylvania:				
Berks County.....	45	10		
Philadelphia.....	1,842	1,600	195	
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	41	25	2	2
Texas: Orange County.....			1	1
Utah:				
Second district.....	51	28	56	19
Third district.....			62	1
Fifth district.....	47	12	12	14
Carbon County.....	73	68	2	1
Other counties.....	31	5	10	2
Virginia:				
Lynchburg.....	84	69		
Norfolk.....	251	230		6

¹ Includes only courts reporting cases of children discharged from probation; Adams and Jennings Counties, Ind., and Jackson County, Mo., reported cases of children discharged from probation, but did not report delinquency cases.

TABLE XIV.—Duration of probation in cases of delinquent children discharged from probation by 45 specified courts during 1928

Court	Cases of delinquent children discharged from probation												
	Total	Duration of probation reported										Duration of proba- tion not reported	
		Total	Less than 3 months	3 months, less than 6	6 months, less than 9	9 months, less than 1 year	1 year, less than 18 months	18 months, less than 2 years	2 years, less than 3	3 years, less than 4	4 years, less than 5		5 years and more
Total	8,493	8,481	1,190	2,018	1,948	984	1,191	500	372	153	75	50	12
Connecticut:													
Bridgeport	136	136	12	23	31	19	48	2	1				
Hartford	243	243	18	41	70	49	40	14	11				
District of Columbia	582	582	95	76	127	58	64	43	55	12	1	1	
Indiana:													
Adams County	8	8	2		2		2	2					
Jennings County	5	5					1	3					
Lake County	47	47	23	14	7	1	1	1					
Marion County	283	283	53	137	53	24	16						
Monroe County	9	9	3	3	2	1							
Montgomery County	4	4	2					1					1
Steuben County	28	28	5	16	2	5							
Vermillion County	55	55	4	13	15	8	8	2	2	2	1		
Louisiana:													
Caddo Parish	12	12	11	1									
Ouachita Parish	27	27	8	11	8								
Minnesota:													
Hennepin County	500	498	86	199	169	31	12	1					2
Ramsey County	229	229	61	42	37	41	22	16	10				
St. Louis County (southern part)	10	10	2	2	1	1	4						
Missouri: Jackson County	317	317	50	155	89	15	7			1			
New Jersey:													
Hudson County	234	234	29	51	57	38	50	8	1				
Mercer County	94	94	6	6	5	7	9	8	9	44			
New York:													
Buffalo	158	158	17	19	40	11	54	8	9				
Clinton County	11	11	6	1		1	3						
Columbia County	11	11					1						
Erie County	81	81	2	3	6	7	56	10	2				
Monroe County	17	17	8	3	2	1							
New York City	1,756	1,756	298	776	514	146	57	5					
Oriens County	4	4		2	2								
Westchester County	537	537	20	41	85	52	62	51	74	59	55	38	

TABLE XIV.—Duration of probation in cases of delinquent children discharged from probation by 45 specified courts during 1928—Continued

Court	Cases of delinquent children discharged from probation										
	Total	Duration of probation reported									Duration of probation not reported
		Less than 3 months	3 months, less than 6	6 months, less than 9	9 months, less than 1 year	1 year, less than 18 months	18 months, less than 2 years	2 years, less than 3	3 years, less than 4	4 years, less than 5	5 years and more
Ohio:											
Clark County.....	21	1			3	7	4	5	1		1
Cuyahoga County.....	242	83	74	60	22	2	2				
Franklin County.....	374	23	65	166	24	92	4	4			
Hamilton County.....	257	12	36	34	53	51	25	37	5	3	1
Lake County.....	9	1			2	2	2	4			
Madison County.....	137	36	44	30	14	9	3	8	1		1
Sandusky County.....	12			1		1	1				
Pennsylvania:											
Berks County.....	10	2	4	2	2	3					
Philadelphia.....	1,600	112	96	245	312	367	267	141	28	15	10
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	27	15	4	3	2	1		2			7
Texas: Orange County.....	1			1							
Utah:											
Second district.....	47	41	6								
Third district.....	1	1									
Fifth district.....	26		6	18	1	1					
Carbon County.....	69	62	7								
Other counties.....	7	6		1							
Virginia:											
Lynchburg.....	69	7	15	19	19	9					
Norfolk.....	236	7	20	43	14	132	16	4			

TABLE XV.—Reason for discharge in cases of delinquent children discharged from probation by 45 specified courts during 1928

Court	Cases of delinquent children discharged from probation					
	Total cases	Reason for discharge				
		Further supervision not recommended or discharged with improvement before reaching age limit	Child committed to institution	Child committed to agency or individual	Child reached age limit	Other reason
Total.....	8,493	5,338	1,177	377	866	735
Connecticut:						
Bridgeport.....	136	95	16	-----	17	8
Hartford.....	243	208	28	-----	-----	7
District of Columbia.....	532	212	39	181	78	22
Indiana:						
Adams County.....	8	5	-----	-----	1	2
Jennings County.....	5	-----	-----	-----	4	1
Lake County.....	47	37	3	-----	-----	7
Marion County.....	283	180	28	2	28	45
Monroe County.....	9	4	5	-----	-----	-----
Montgomery County.....	4	2	1	1	-----	-----
Steuben County.....	28	17	-----	5	-----	6
Vermillion County.....	55	30	3	-----	17	5
Louisiana:						
Caddo Parish.....	12	11	-----	-----	-----	1
Ouachita Parish.....	27	17	-----	5	2	3
Minnesota:						
Hennepin County.....	500	351	114	1	28	6
Ramsey County.....	229	174	43	4	8	-----
St. Louis County (southern part).....	10	6	3	-----	-----	1
Missouri: Jackson County.....	317	249	28	-----	2	38
New Jersey:						
Hudson County.....	234	91	60	10	27	46
Mercer County.....	94	14	34	-----	-----	46
New York:						
Buffalo.....	158	118	37	-----	-----	3
Clinton County.....	11	10	1	-----	-----	-----
Columbia County.....	11	9	1	-----	1	-----
Erie County.....	81	66	9	3	-----	3
Monroe County.....	17	3	10	3	-----	1
New York City.....	1,756	1,294	273	12	133	44
Orleans County.....	4	2	-----	-----	-----	2
Westchester County.....	537	389	28	6	93	21
Ohio:						
Clark County.....	21	17	-----	1	1	2
Cuyahoga County.....	242	73	77	26	21	45
Franklin County.....	374	323	40	3	2	6
Hamilton County.....	257	112	27	10	33	175
Lake County.....	9	2	1	-----	4	2
Mahoning County.....	137	95	14	1	7	20
Sandusky County.....	12	3	1	-----	6	2
Pennsylvania:						
Berks County.....	10	-----	2	-----	8	-----
Philadelphia.....	1,600	756	212	78	337	217
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	27	9	9	-----	1	8
Texas: Orange County.....	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
Utah:						
Second district.....	47	39	5	1	-----	2
Third district.....	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
Fifth district.....	26	26	-----	-----	-----	-----
Carbon County.....	69	63	3	3	-----	-----
Other counties.....	7	4	-----	-----	-----	3
Virginia:						
Lynchburg.....	69	47	3	4	-----	15
Norfolk.....	236	175	19	17	7	18

¹ Includes 2 "reason for discharge not reported."² Includes 8 "reason for discharge not reported."

TABLE XVI.—*Number of cases of dependent and neglected children placed under supervision and number discharged from supervision by 20 specified courts during 1928*¹

Court	Cases of dependent and neglected children			
	Official		Unofficial	
	Placed under supervision	Discharged from supervision	Placed under supervision	Discharged from supervision
Total.....	2, 428	1, 915	47	21
Connecticut:				
Bridgeport.....	2	3		
Hartford.....	1	1		
District of Columbia.....	18	21		
Indiana:				
Adams County.....		2		
Lake County.....	8	3	3	2
Montgomery County.....		5	7	1
Louisiana: Ouachita Parish.....	9	6	13	7
Minnesota: Ramsey County.....	91	56		
New York:				
Buffalo.....	1	1		
Columbia County.....	20	30	3	
Monroe County.....	93	34		
New York City.....	1, 484	941		
Ohio:				
Cuyahoga County.....	191	50	5	
Lake County.....	6	1	2	1
Sandusky County.....	17	2	2	
Pennsylvania:				
Berks County.....	4	4		
Philadelphia.....	423	733		
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	27	19	11	9
Utah: Other counties ²			1	1
Virginia: Norfolk.....	33	3		

¹ Only 20 of the 53 courts reporting dependency and neglect cases reported cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision; Adams County, Ind., reported cases of children discharged from supervision, but did not report dependency cases.

² Counties other than Carbon and those included in the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth districts.

TABLE XVII.—Duration of supervision in cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision by 20 specified courts during 1928 ¹

Court	Cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision													Duration of supervision not reported
	Total cases	Duration of supervision reported												
		Total	Less than 3 months	3 months, less than 6	6 months, less than 9	9 months, less than 1 year	1 year, less than 18 months	18 months, less than 2 years	2 years, less than 3	3 years, less than 4	4 years, less than 5	5 years and more		
Total	1, 936	1, 935	366	465	346	218	241	113	117	32	25	12	1	
Connecticut:														
Bridgeport	3	3	1				2							
Hartford	1	1				1	1							
District of Columbia	21	21	2	7	4	1	3	4						
Indiana:														
Adams County	2	2			1	1								
Lake County	5	5		1	1	1			1	2				
Montgomery County	6	5					3	1					1	
Louisiana: Ouachita Parish	13	13	8	5										
Minnesota: Ramsey County	56	56	16	10	9	4	10	5	2					
New York:														
Buffalo	1	1	1											
Columbia County	30	30	1	9	7		7		4			2		
Monroe County	34	34	25	9										
New York City	941	941	206	343	223	110	55	4						
Ohio:														
Cuyahoga County	50	50	35	8	5	2								
Lake County	2	2		1	1									
Sandusky County	2	2		2										
Pennsylvania:														
Berks County	4	4	4											
Philadelphia	733	733	57	68	88	97	157	96	110	27	25	8		
South Carolina: Greenville County	28	28	9	2	7		2	3		3		2		
Utah: Other counties ²	1	1	1											
Virginia: Norfolk	3	3				1	2							

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TABLE XVIII.—Reason for discharge in cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision by 20 specified courts during 1928 ¹

Court	Cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision								
	Total cases	Reason for discharge reported							Reason for discharge not reported
		Total	Further supervision not recommended or discharged with improvement before reaching age limit	Child committed to institution	Child committed to agency	Child committed to individual	Child reached age limit	Other reason	
Total.....	1, 936	1, 931	1, 179	244	117	183	35	173	5
Connecticut:									
Bridgeport.....	3	3	3						
Hartford.....	1	1	1						
District of Columbia.....	21	21	7	1	6	1	2	4	
Indiana:									
Adams County.....	2	2						2	
Lake County.....	5	5	1	1		3			
Montgomery County.....	6	6	1			4		1	
Louisiana: Ouachita Parish.....	13	13	4			4		5	
Minnesota: Ramsey County.....	56	56	37	2	12	2		3	
New York:									
Buffalo.....	1	1		1					
Columbia County.....	30	30	5		7	9	3	6	
Monroe County.....	34	34			34				
New York City.....	941	941	662	222	13	4	14	26	
Ohio:									
Cuyahoga County.....	50	50	7	2	35	2		4	
Lake County.....	2	2	1		1				
Sandusky County.....	2	2			2				
Pennsylvania:									
Berks County.....	4	4		4					
Philadelphia.....	733	728	447	5	2	146	14	114	5
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	28	28		6	5	8	2	7	
Utah: Other counties ²	1	1						1	
Virginia: Norfolk.....	3	3	3						

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